

"King in Black is an event that is audacious, viscerally gripping and hell-bent on raising the stakes." – **AIPT**



CATES ♦ STEGMAN

MARVEL

MAYER ♦ MARTIN

I AM
GOING TO
KILL YOUR
WORLD.

KILL IN BLOCK



KING IN BLACK

DONNY CATES WRITER

RYAN STEGMAN PENCILER

JP MAYER WITH **RYAN STEGMAN** (#5) INKERS

FRANK MARTIN WITH **JASON KEITH** (#5) COLOR ARTISTS

VC's CLAYTON COWLES LETTERER

RYAN STEGMAN JP MAYER & FRANK MARTIN COVER ARTISTS

PATRICK McGRATH LOGO DESIGN
ANTHONY GAMBINO PRODUCTION DESIGN
DANNY KHAZEM ASSISTANT EDITOR
DEVIN LEWIS EDITOR
NICK LOWE EXECUTIVE EDITOR

JENNIFER GRÜN WALD COLLECTION EDITOR
DANIEL KIRCHHOFFER ASSISTANT EDITOR
MAIA LOY ASSISTANT MANAGING EDITOR
LISA MONTALDANO ASSISTANT MANAGING EDITOR
JEFF YOUNGQUIST VP PRODUCTION & SPECIAL PROJECTS
JAY BOWEN WITH **ANTHONY GAMBINO** BOOK DESIGNERS
DAVID GADRIEL SVP PRINT, SALES & MARKETING
TIM SMITH 3 DIGITAL MANAGER/PRODUCTION
MEGHAN O'LEARY DIGITAL PRODUCTION
C.D. CEDULSKI EDITOR IN CHIEF



CHAPTER ONE
REIGN

HE'S
HERE.

WE CAN **FEEL** HIM,
SCREAMING THROUGH
THE BLACK, RACING
TOWARD THE WHOLE
OF CREATION...

HIS HANDS
WRAPPING AROUND
THE WORLD'S
THROAT.

CAP?
IT'S ME...



THIS
IS IT.

NO
MORE
RUNNING.

NO MORE
HIDING.

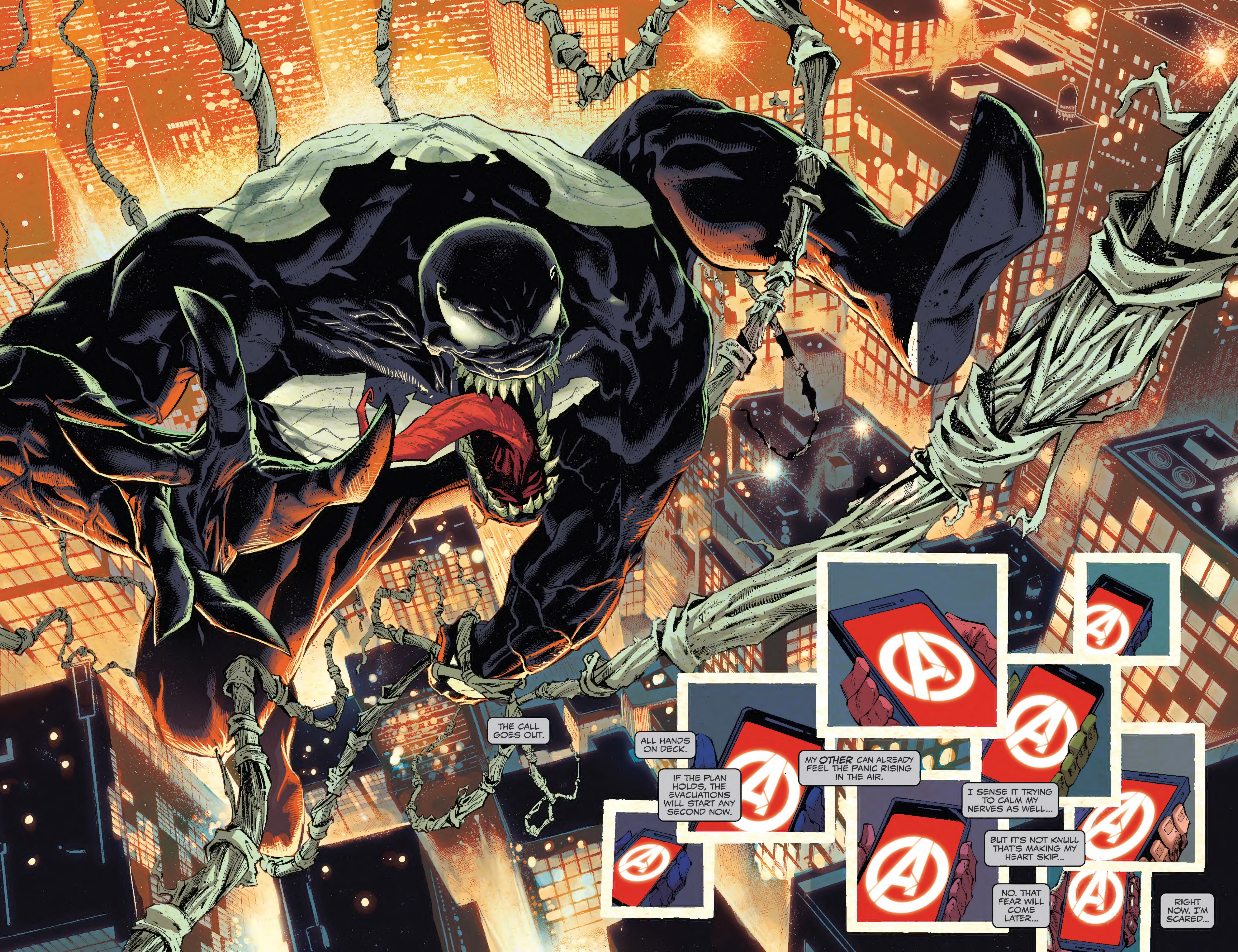
IT'S
TIME.

KNOLL. THE
LORD OF THE
ABYSS...

...THE GOD OF
THE SYMBIOTES...

...HAS
ARRIVED.

Hop



THE CALL GOES OUT.

ALL HANDS ON DECK.

IF THE PLAN HOLDS, THE EVACUATIONS WILL START ANY SECOND NOW.

MY OTHER CAN ALREADY FEEL THE PANIC RISING IN THE AIR.

I SENSE IT TRYING TO CALM MY NERVES AS WELL...

BUT IT'S NOT KNULL THAT'S MAKING MY HEART SKIP...

NO. THAT FEAR WILL COME LATER...

RIGHT NOW, I'M SCARED...

...OF
THIS.



OF WAKING MY
SON UP INTO
THIS NIGHTMARE.



DYLAN'S BEEN
THROUGH SO
MUCH.



HE DESERVES BETTER
THAN THIS. DESERVES
TO BE INNOCENT. TO
BE A CHILD.

I WISH ON EVERY
DISAPPEARING STAR IN
THE SKY THAT I COULD
JUST LET HIM SLEEP.

THAT MY SON NEVER
HAS TO FACE THE
HORRORS OF THIS
WORLD I HAVE
BROUGHT HIM INTO.





THAT HE NEVER
HAS TO INHERIT
MY DARKNESS.



DYLAN?



WH... HEY...
WHAT'S--



I'M
SORRY, BUDDY.
BUT--



I KNOW.
I CAN FEEL IT
TOO.
HE'S
HERE, ISN'T
HE?



...
YES.
NOW, LISTEN TO
ME. WE NEED
TO--

--MOVE! COME ON, PEOPLE, IT'S GO TIME. GROUND TEAMS AND EVACUATION SHIPS ARE MOBILIZING IN DROP SITES AS WE SPEAK, BUT WE ARE ON DECK FIRST.

LET'S GET MEAN, SHALL WE?

AVENGERS MOUNTAIN.
NOW.

TONY? WHERE ARE WE?

HARD TO SAY, CAP. FROM THE INTEL THAT BROCK GAVE US, WE KNOW THAT KNULL AND HIS SYMBIOTE HORDE DON'T LEAVE HEAT SIGNATURES.

SO WE DON'T HAVE AN EXACT LOCK JUST YET. BUT THEY'LL TRIP OVER OUR LAND MINES EITHER WAY.

IS THAT WHAT WE'RE CALLING THEM?

SILVER LININGS, CAP.



"HAVING A LEFTOVER ARMADA OF DERELICT KREE AND SKRULL WARSHIPS FLOATING AROUND IN THE UPPER ATMOSPHERE MIGHT JUST GIVE US THE EDGE WE NEED."

YOU JUST LIKE TURNING THINGS INTO BOMBS.

OLD HABITS. HEY, SPEAKING OF BOMBS, ANY WORD ON THE BIG MAN YET?

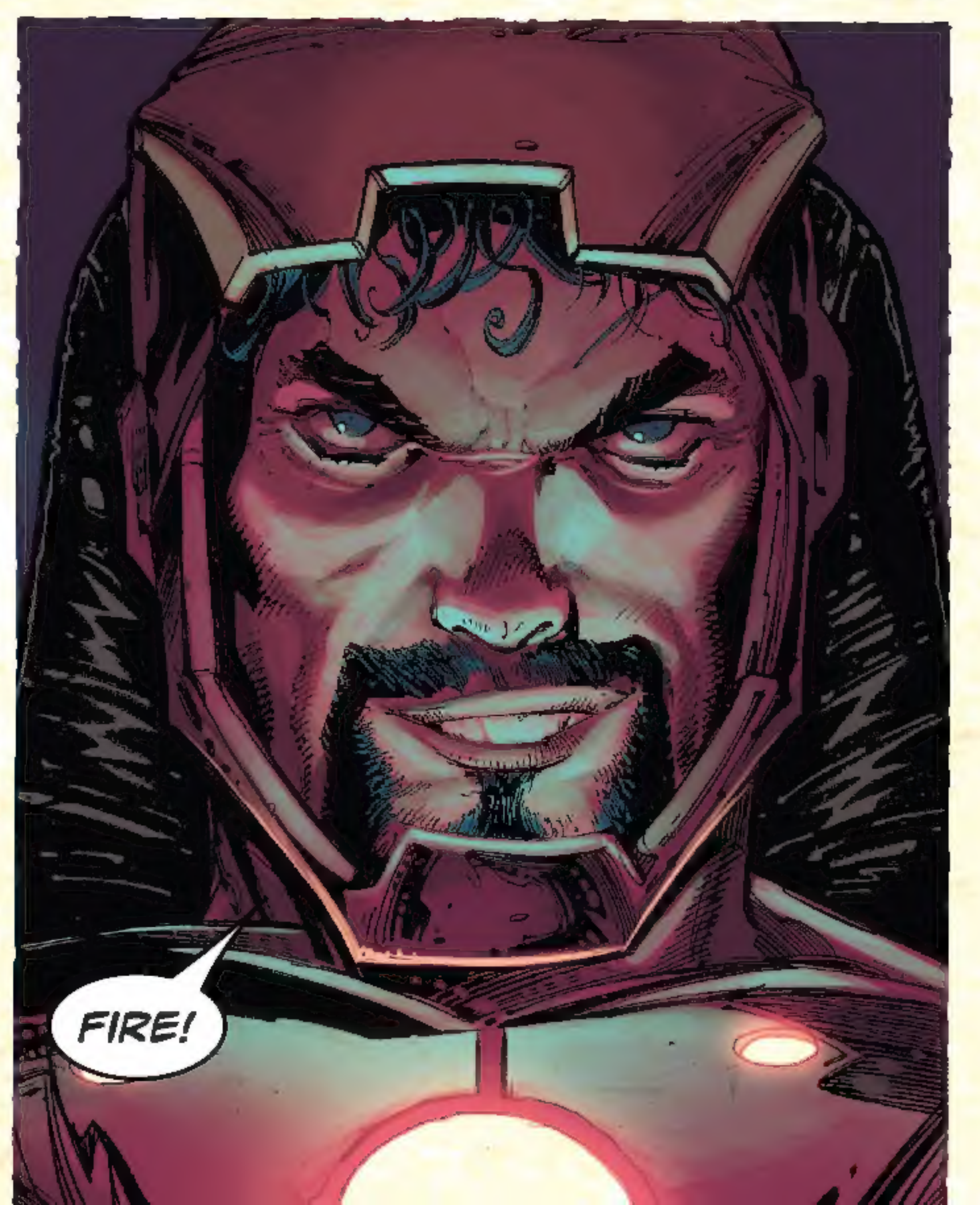
STILL WAITING. I'D SAY A PRAYER IF I WERE--

HEADS UP!

GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS, BOYS.

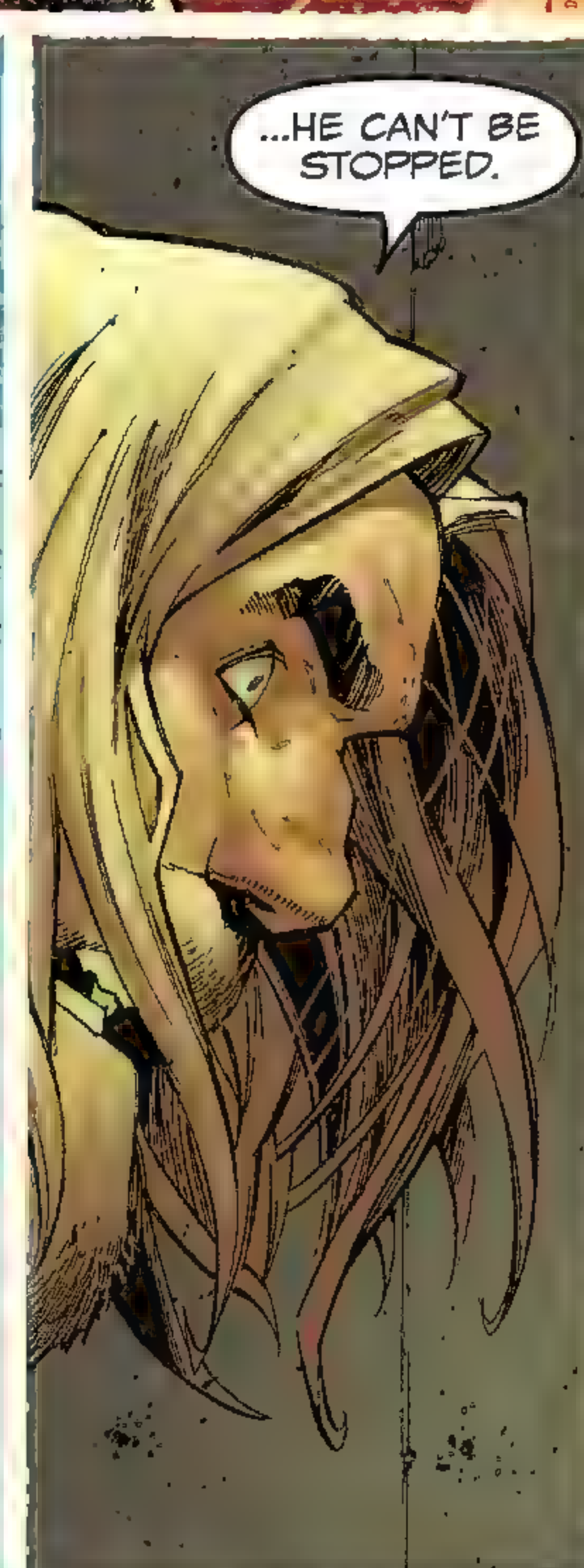
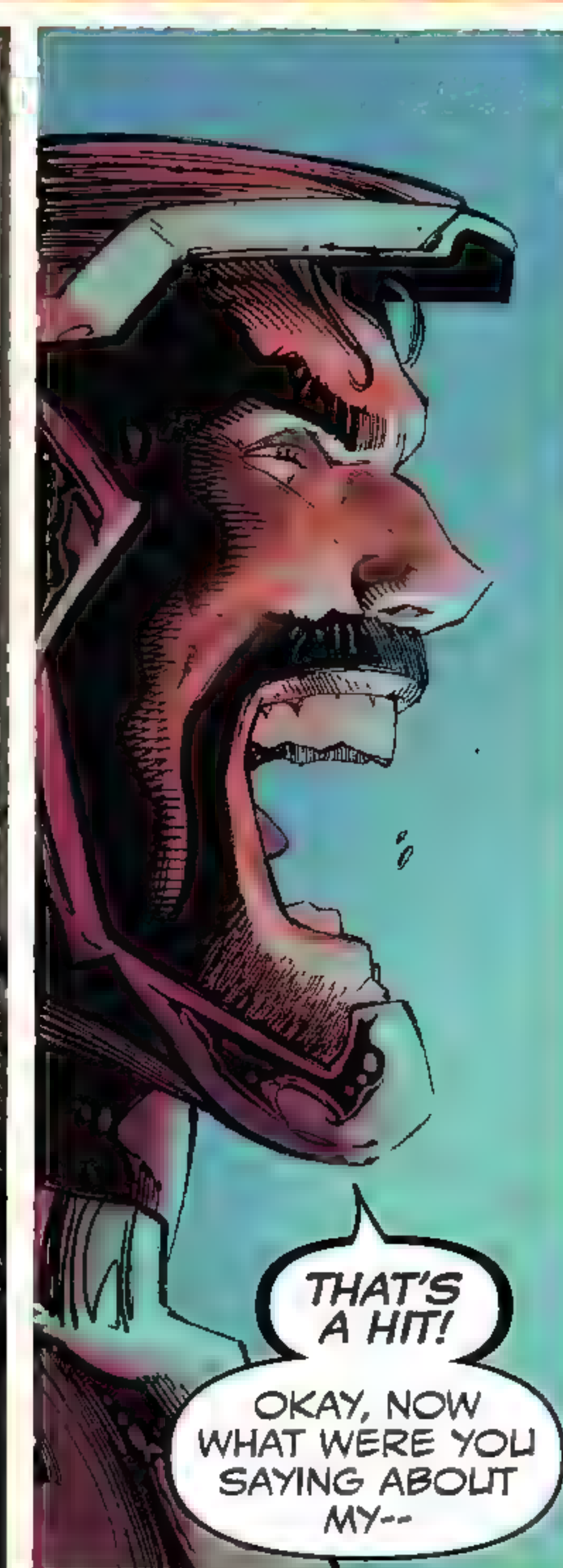
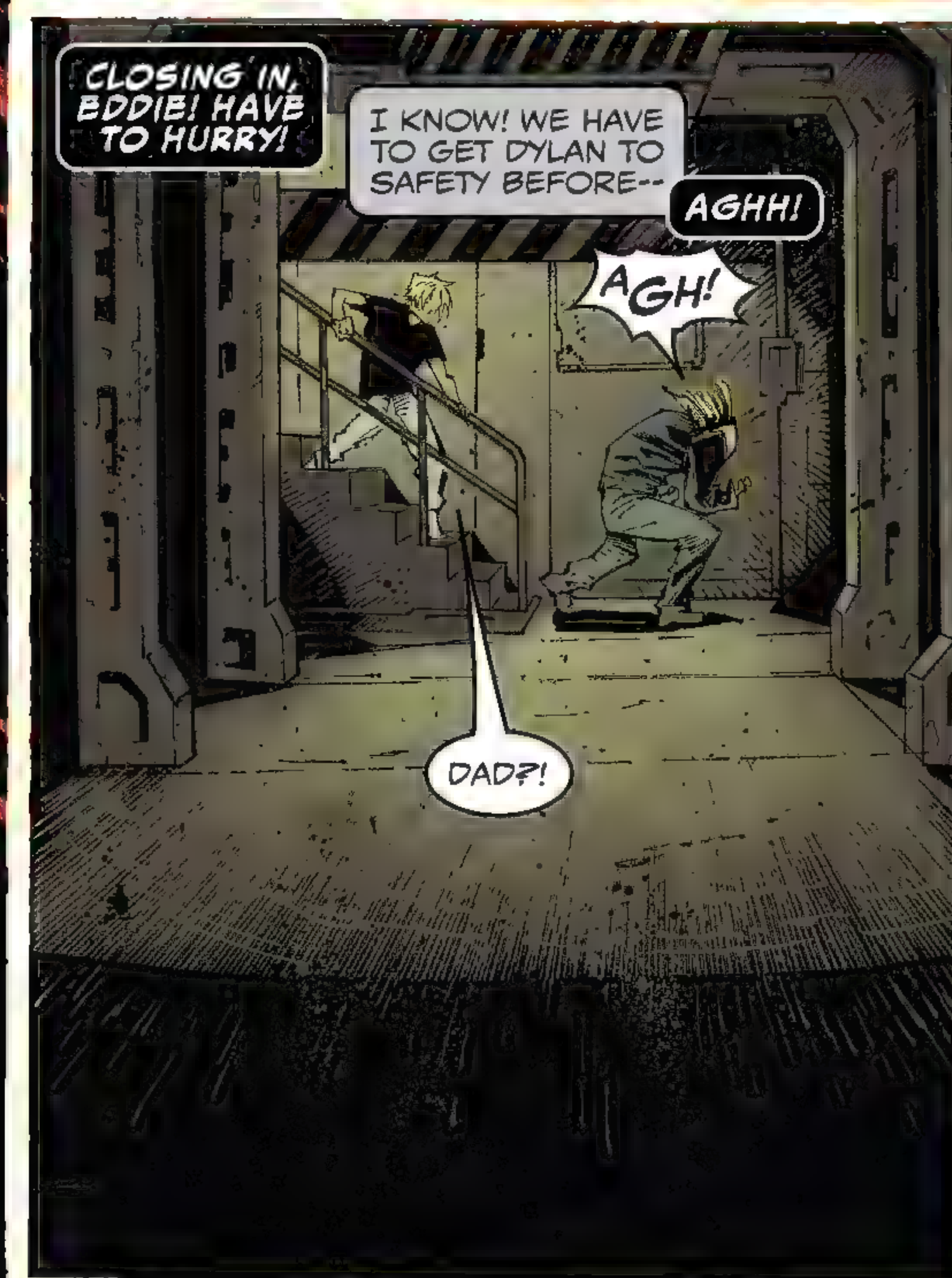
LOOKS LIKE WE FOUND THEM...







VWWWWAA AAA AAAAAMMMMMM





PETER GAVE US ACCESS TO THIS SAFE ROOM AFTER WE CAME CLEAN TO THE AVENGERS ABOUT KNULL.

SAID IT WAS BUILT FOR HIM BY SOMEONE NAMED EZEKIEL. SUPPOSEDLY IT CAN SURVIVE A NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST.

I JUST PRAY IT CAN WITHSTAND WHAT'S COMING NOW...

DAD, PLEASE DON'T DO THIS. DON'T LEAVE ME IN HERE!

WE'VE BEEN OVER THIS. IT'S NOT UP FOR DISCUSSION. I HAVE TO--

I CAN *HELP!* YOU KNOW WHAT I CAN *DO*, DAD. I HAVE POWERS LIKE HIM!

MAYBE I CAN...I DON'T KNOW, MAYBE I CAN TAKE CONTROL OF THE HIVE, OR-- OR--

DYLAN, THAT'S ENOUGH!

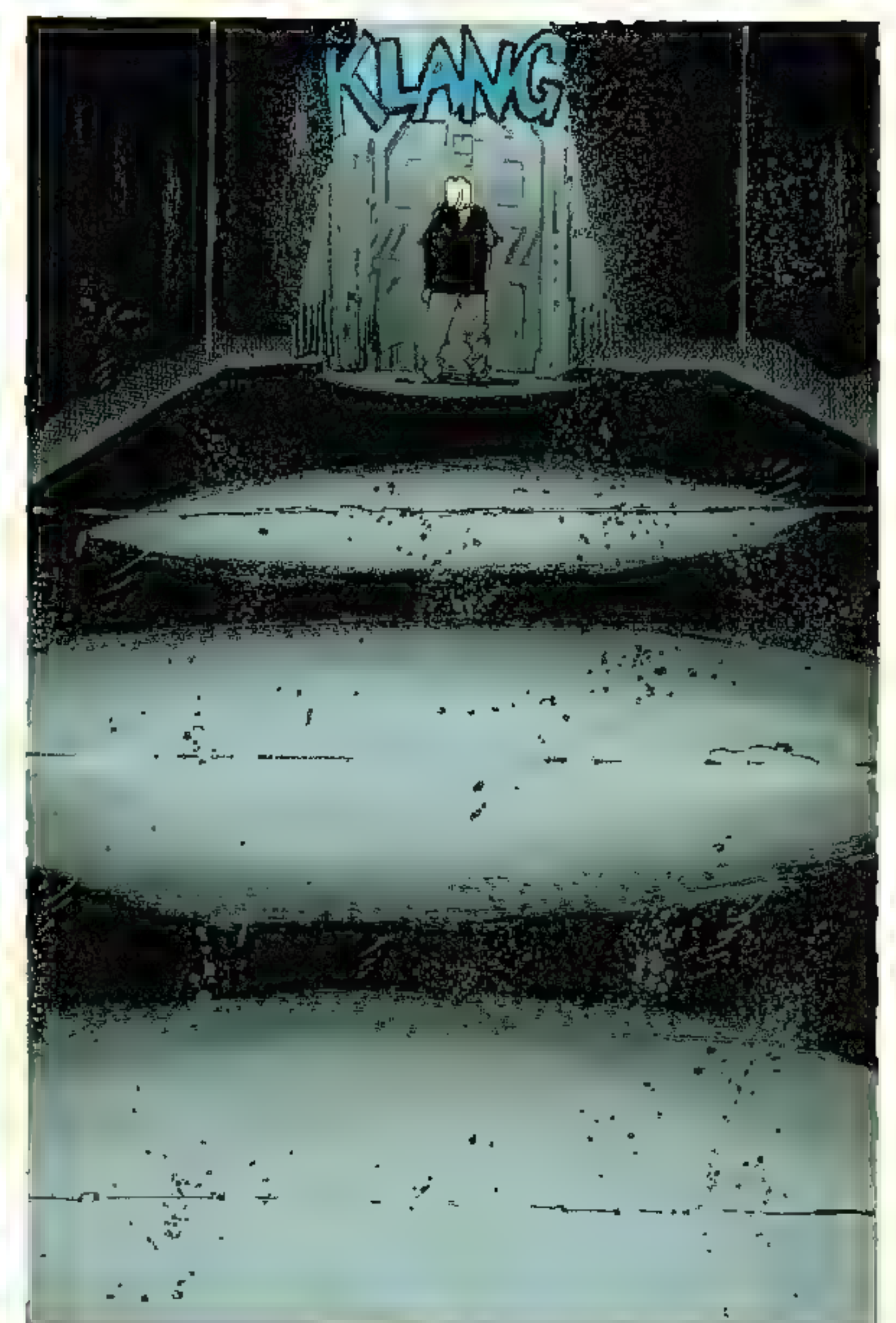
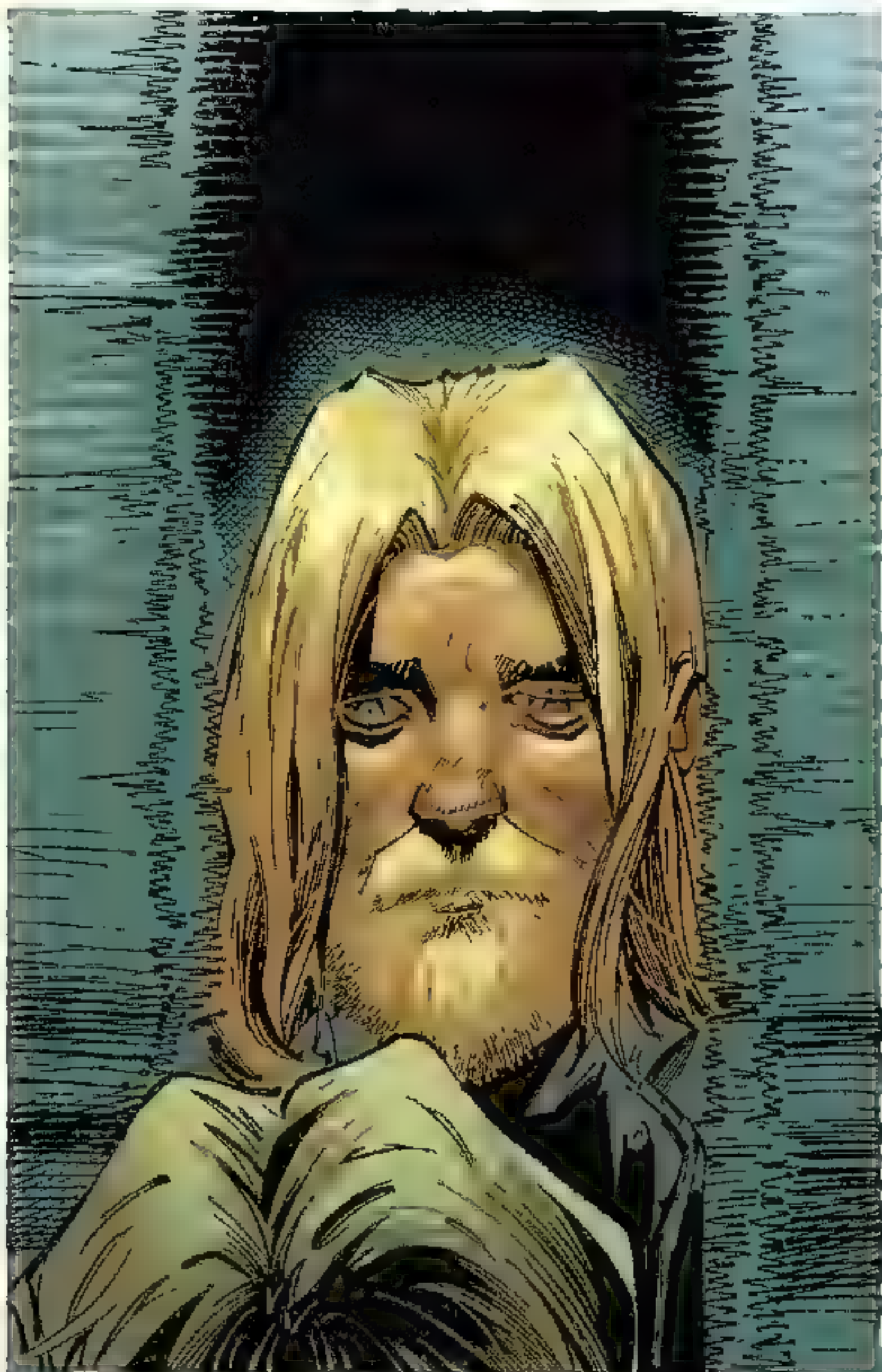
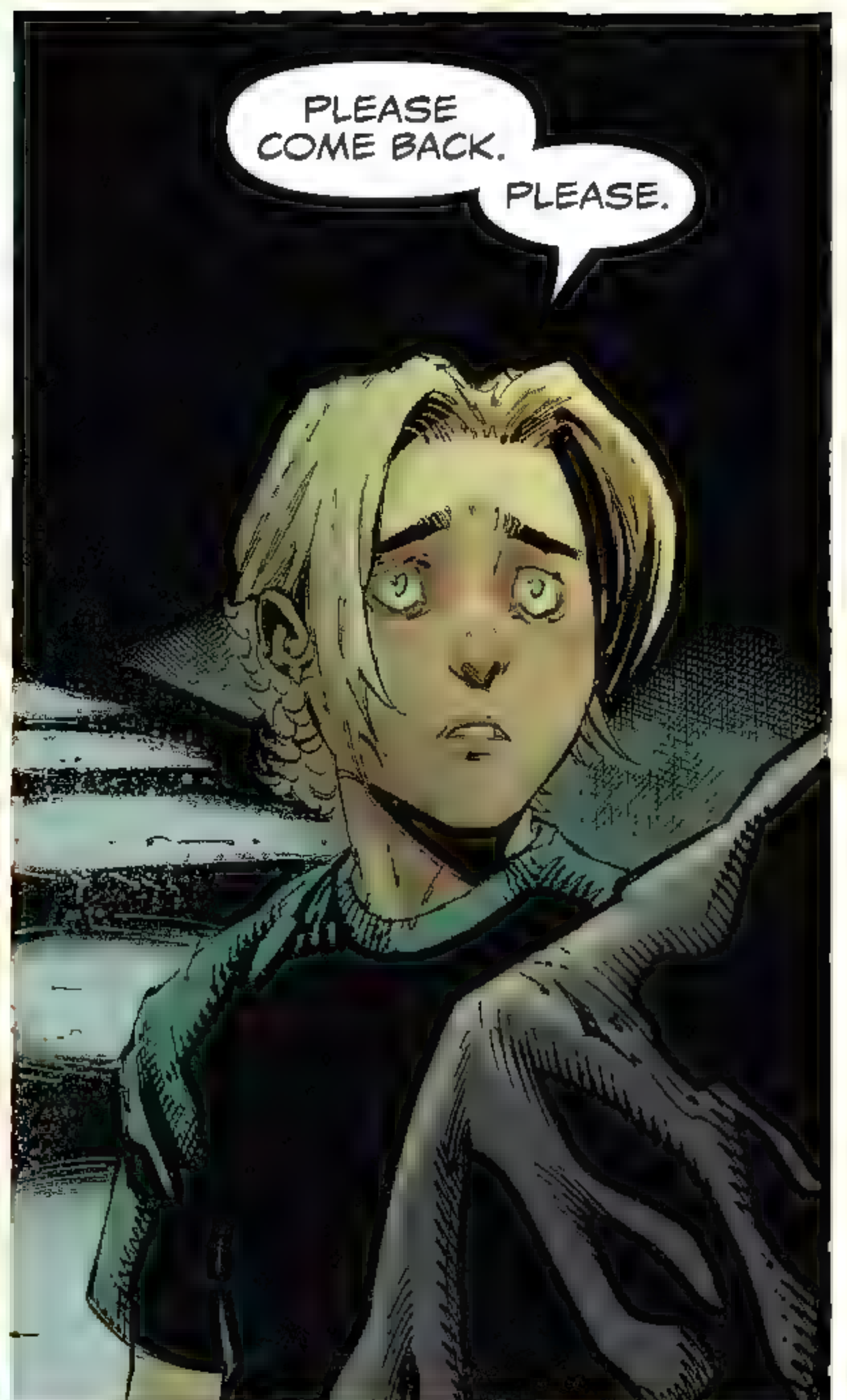
I MADE YOU A *PROMISE*. I TOLD YOU I WOULD PROTECT YOU NO MATTER WHAT, SON. AND I...

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE TO HAVE THIS LIFE.

THIS IS MY FIGHT. THESE ARE MY MISTAKES.

YOU...

YOU DON'T DESERVE THE THINGS I'VE PASSED DOWN TO YOU.



PLAN B MEANS
THINGS HAVE
GONE TO @#%&.

IT MEANS KNULL AND HIS
ARMIES OF DRAGONS HAVE
BROKEN THE PERIMETER OF
EARTH AND MAKE LANDFALL.

FIRST WAVE IS GROUND. CAP HAS
ASSEMBLED AN EVACUATION TEAM OF
STREET-LEVEL HEROES WITH A FOCUS
ON ELECTRICITY-BASED POWERS.

WE DON'T HAVE MUCH
TO GO ON, BUT WE KNOW
KNULL'S ONLY WEAKNESSES
ARE LIGHTNING, COSMIC
POWER AND MAYBE MAGIC...

...BUT
WE'LL
SEE.

THAT BEING
SAID...WE'RE A
LITTLE SHORT-
STAFFED.

TONY! ANY
WORD FROM
THOR?

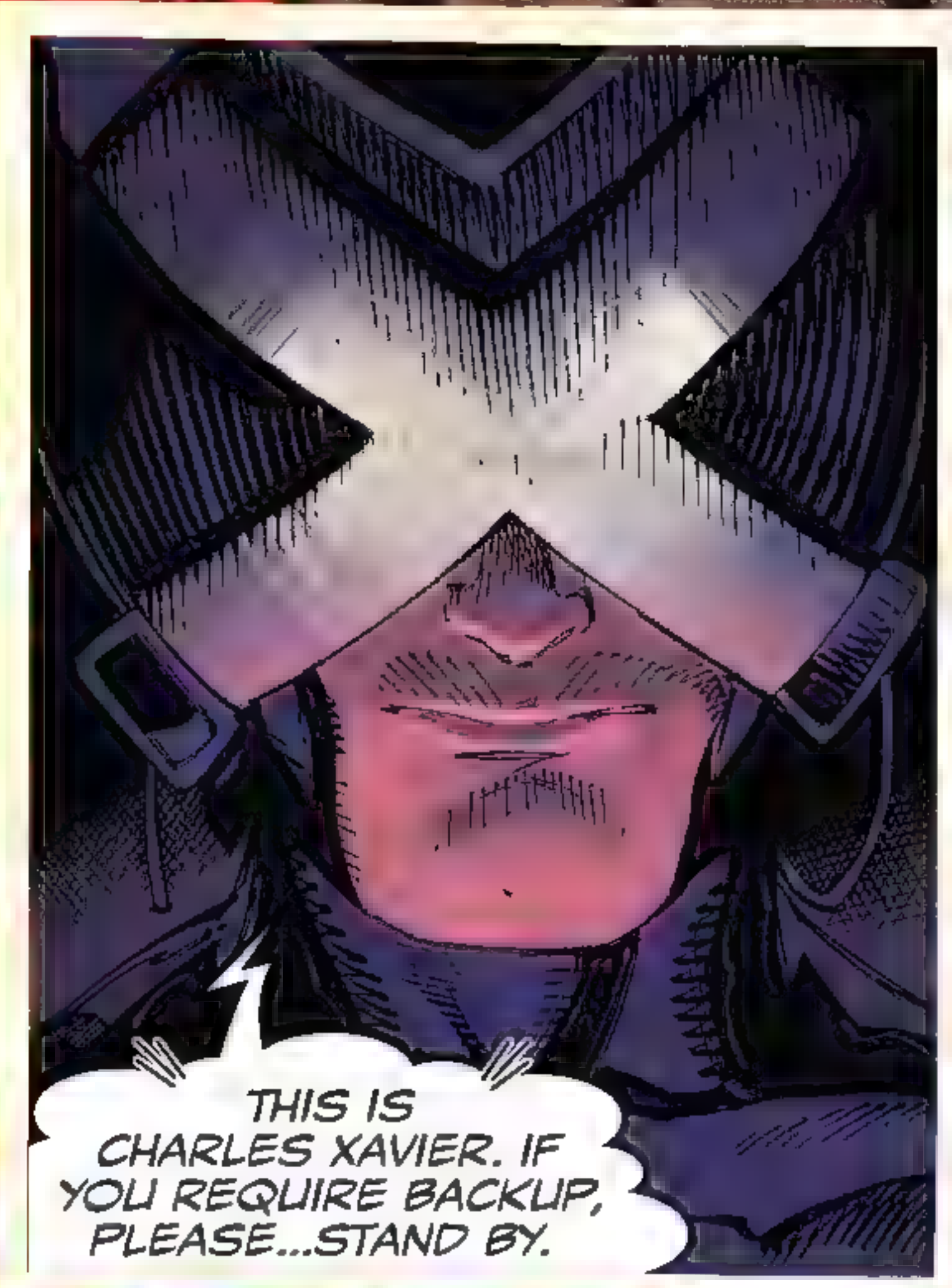
IT'S...IT'S
NOT LOOKING
GOOD DOWN
HERE.

THESE DRAGONS
ARE EXPLODING
INTO THE CITY! COVERING
EVERYTHING IN SYMBIOTES!
GIVE ME SOME
GOOD NEWS!

NOTHING YET.
BUT OUR OTHER BIG
GUN IS ENTERING ORBIT
NOW. SHOULDN'T
BE LONG.

WE NEED
BACKUP NOW,
TONY!

IRON MAN,
CAPTAIN...PLEASE
EXCUSE THE INTRUSION
INTO YOUR
MINDS...

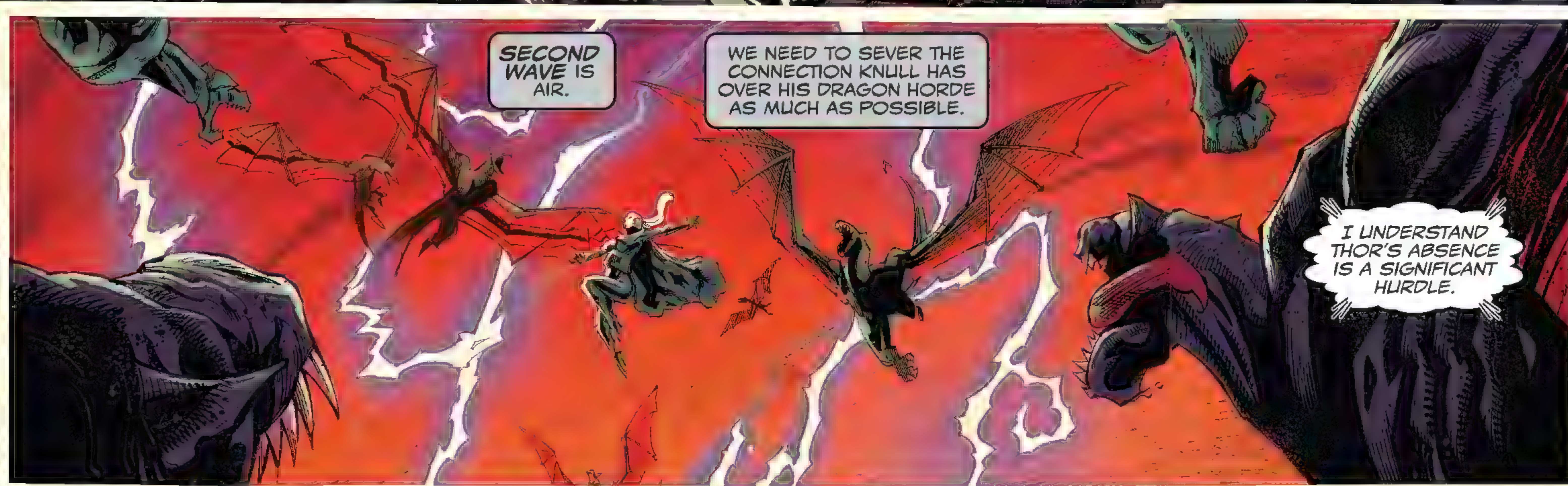


**SECOND WAVE:
WASHINGTON
SQUARE PARK.**

THIS IS
CHARLES XAVIER. IF
YOU REQUIRE BACKUP,
PLEASE...STAND BY.



MY
X-MEN HAVE
ARRIVED.



SECOND
WAVE IS
AIR.

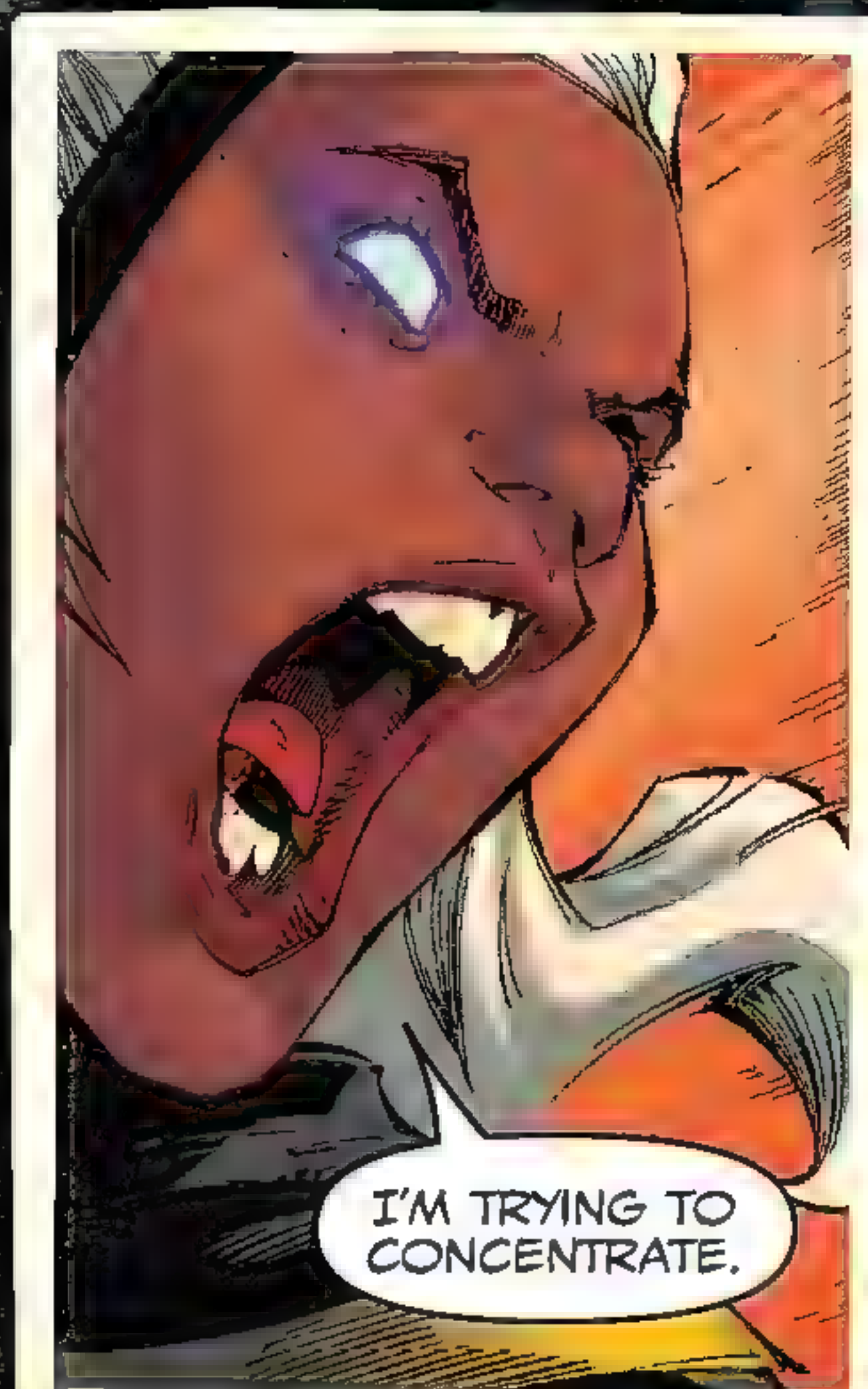
WE NEED TO SEVER THE
CONNECTION KNULL HAS
OVER HIS DRAGON HORDE
AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

I UNDERSTAND
THOR'S ABSENCE
IS A SIGNIFICANT
HURDLE.



SURELY A GOD OF THUNDER
WOULD BE HELPFUL. BUT...
MAY I SUGGEST A
GODDESS OF THE--

CHARLES,
PLEASE...



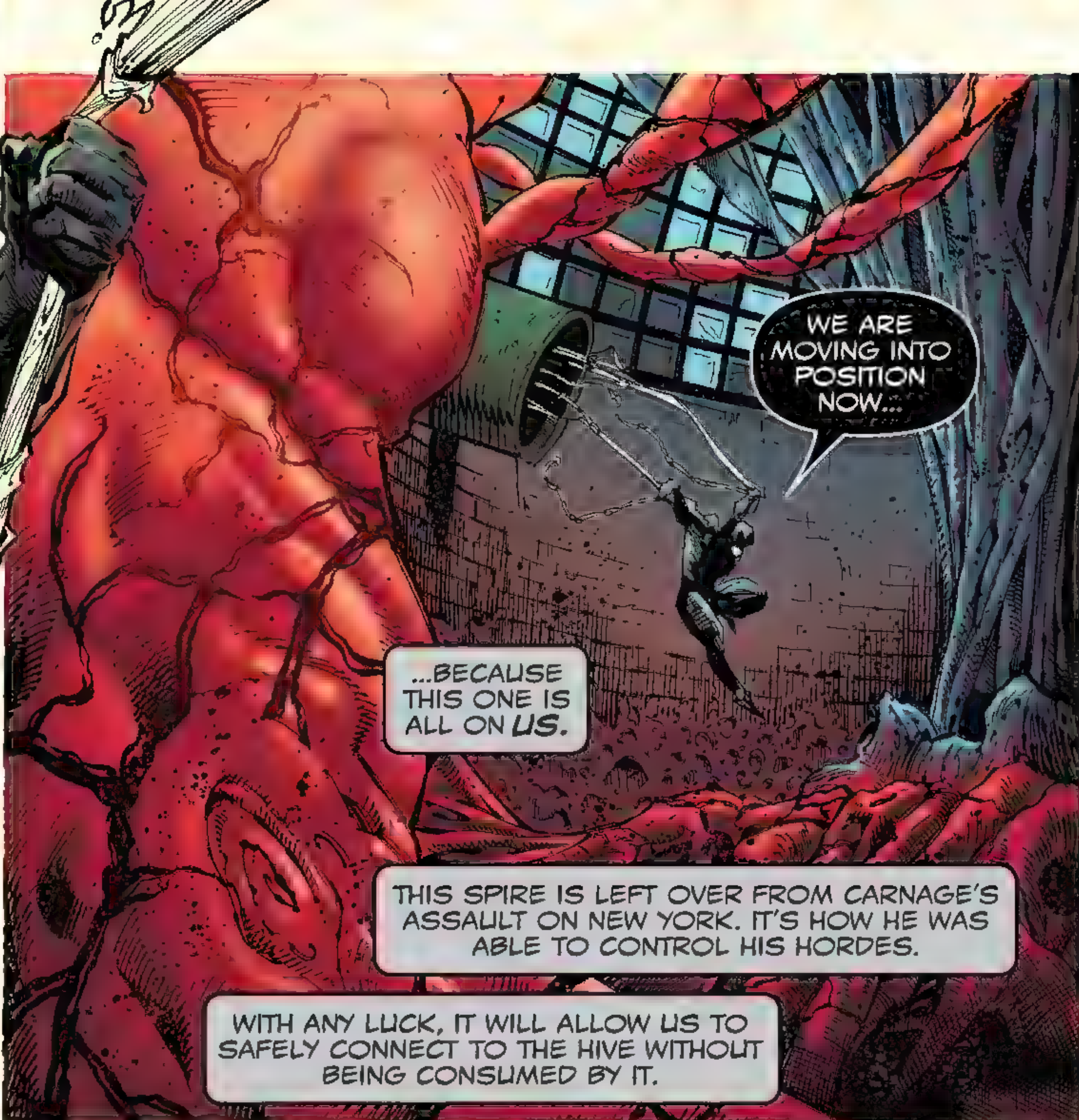
I'M TRYING TO
CONCENTRATE.



THIRD WAVE...

THIRD WAVE IS THE WORST.

CAP HAS THE EVACUATION IN ACTION, AND STORM IS BRINGING THE HEAT. EVERYONE IS ASSEMBLED AND WAITING ON YOU.

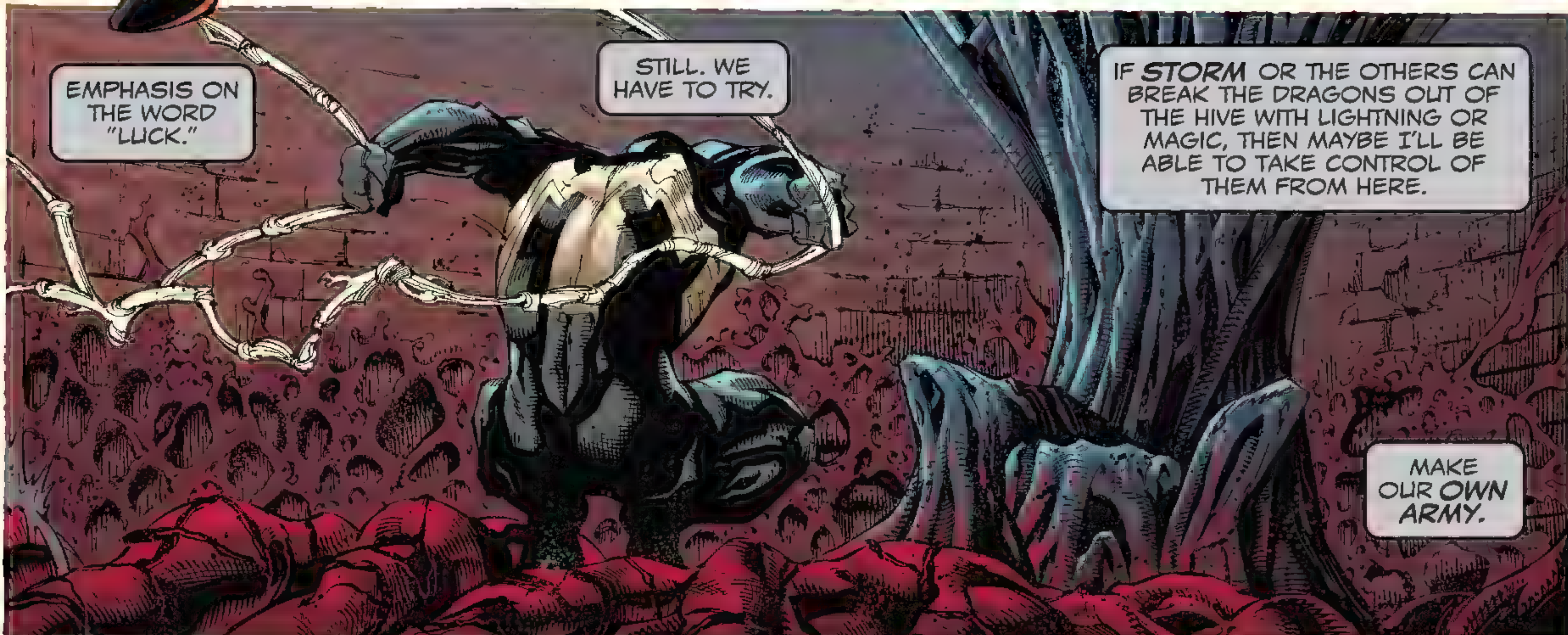


WE ARE MOVING INTO POSITION NOW...

...BECAUSE THIS ONE IS ALL ON US.

THIS SPIRE IS LEFT OVER FROM CARNAGE'S ASSAULT ON NEW YORK. IT'S HOW HE WAS ABLE TO CONTROL HIS HORDES.

WITH ANY LUCK, IT WILL ALLOW US TO SAFELY CONNECT TO THE HIVE WITHOUT BEING CONSUMED BY IT.



EMPHASIS ON THE WORD "LUCK."

STILL. WE HAVE TO TRY.

IF **STORM** OR THE OTHERS CAN BREAK THE DRAGONS OUT OF THE HIVE WITH LIGHTNING OR MAGIC, THEN MAYBE I'LL BE ABLE TO TAKE CONTROL OF THEM FROM HERE.

MAKE OUR OWN ARMY.



OR...

...KNULL FINDS US IMMEDIATELY AND CHOKES US TO DEATH WITH OUR OWN SYMBIOTE.

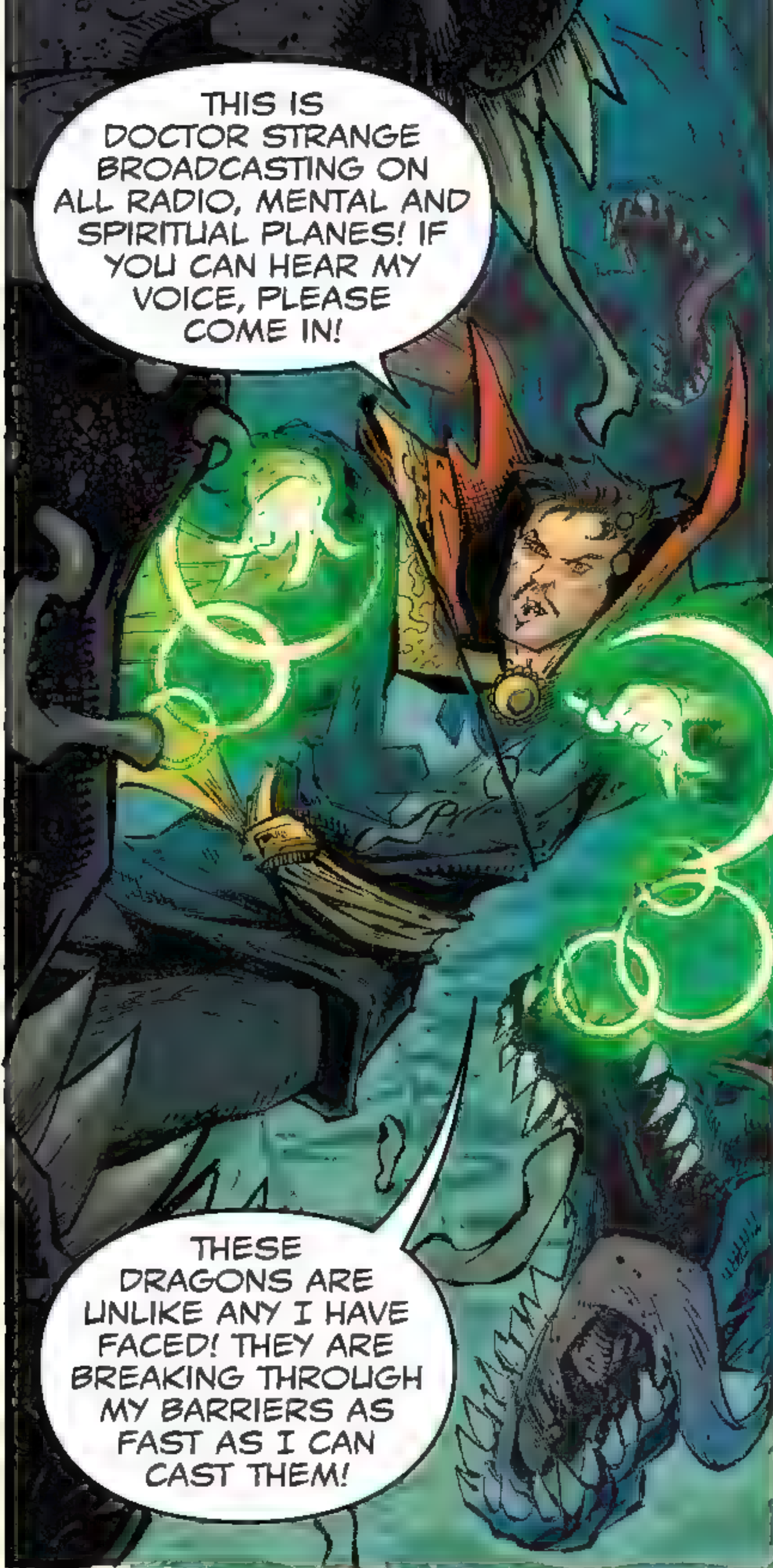
EITHER WAY...

...TIME'S UP.

@#%& IT.



LET'S GO.

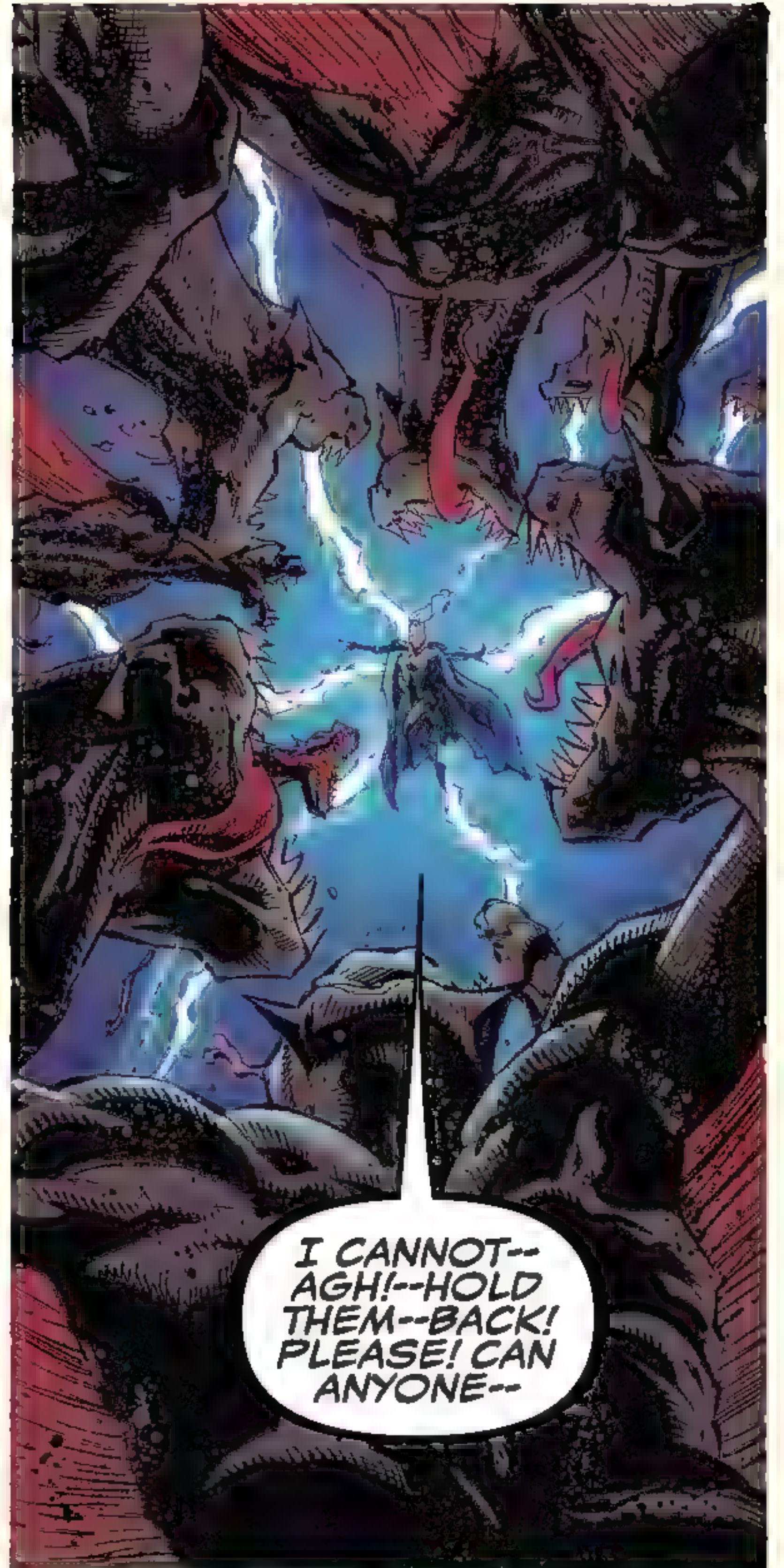


THIS IS DOCTOR STRANGE BROADCASTING ON ALL RADIO, MENTAL AND SPIRITUAL PLANES! IF YOU CAN HEAR MY VOICE, PLEASE COME IN!

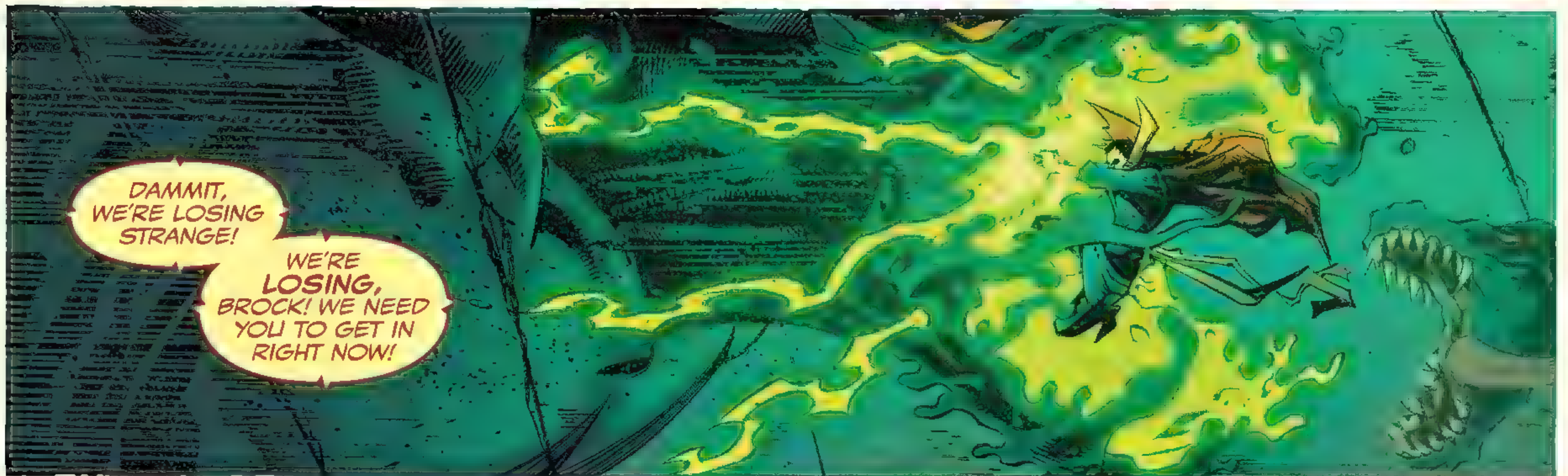
THESE DRAGONS ARE UNLIKE ANY I HAVE FACED! THEY ARE BREAKING THROUGH MY BARRIERS AS FAST AS I CAN CAST THEM!



I CAN HEAR YOU! SEE YOU! STRANGE, HOLD ON! WE ARE ALMOST THROUGH TO THE CORE! I NEED MORE--



I CANNOT-- AGH!--HOLD THEM--BACK! PLEASE! CAN ANYONE--



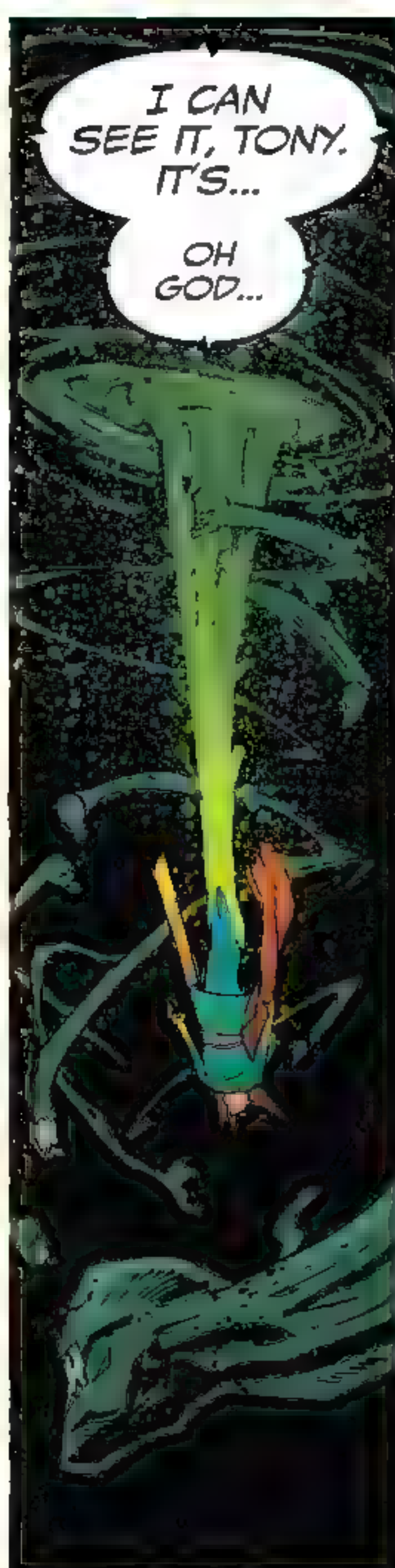
DAMMIT, WE'RE LOSING STRANGE!

WE'RE LOSING, BROCK! WE NEED YOU TO GET IN RIGHT NOW!



NOW, EDDIE!

AGGGHH!!!
I'M IN!!! I CAN SEE IT!



I CAN SEE IT, TONY. IT'S...

OH GOD...

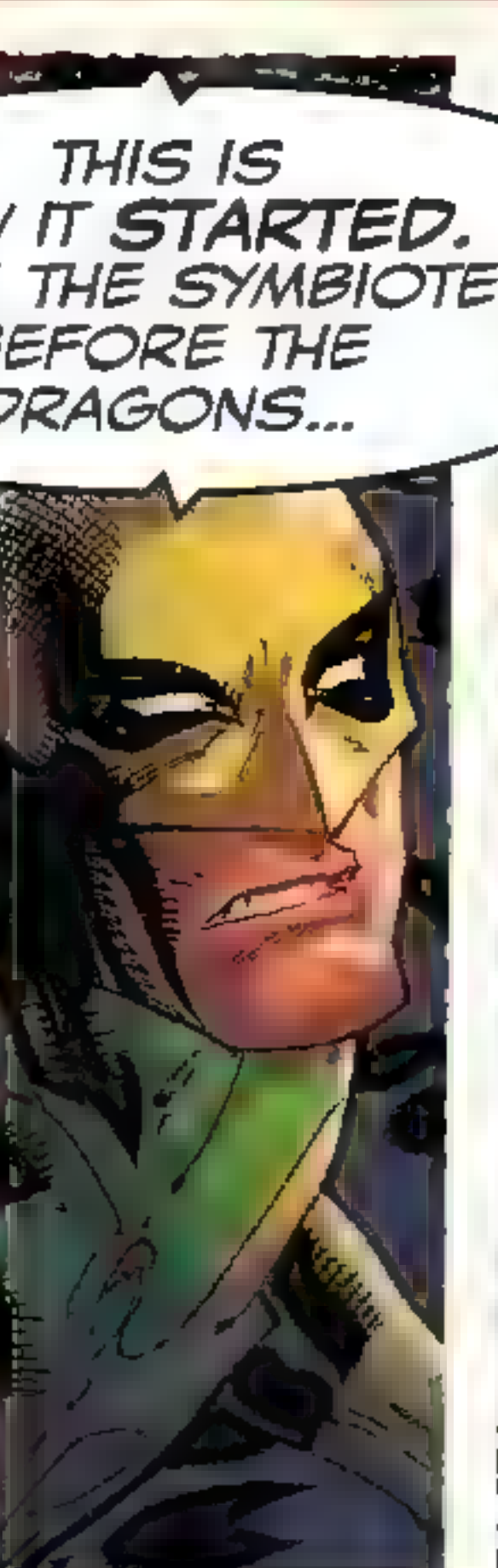
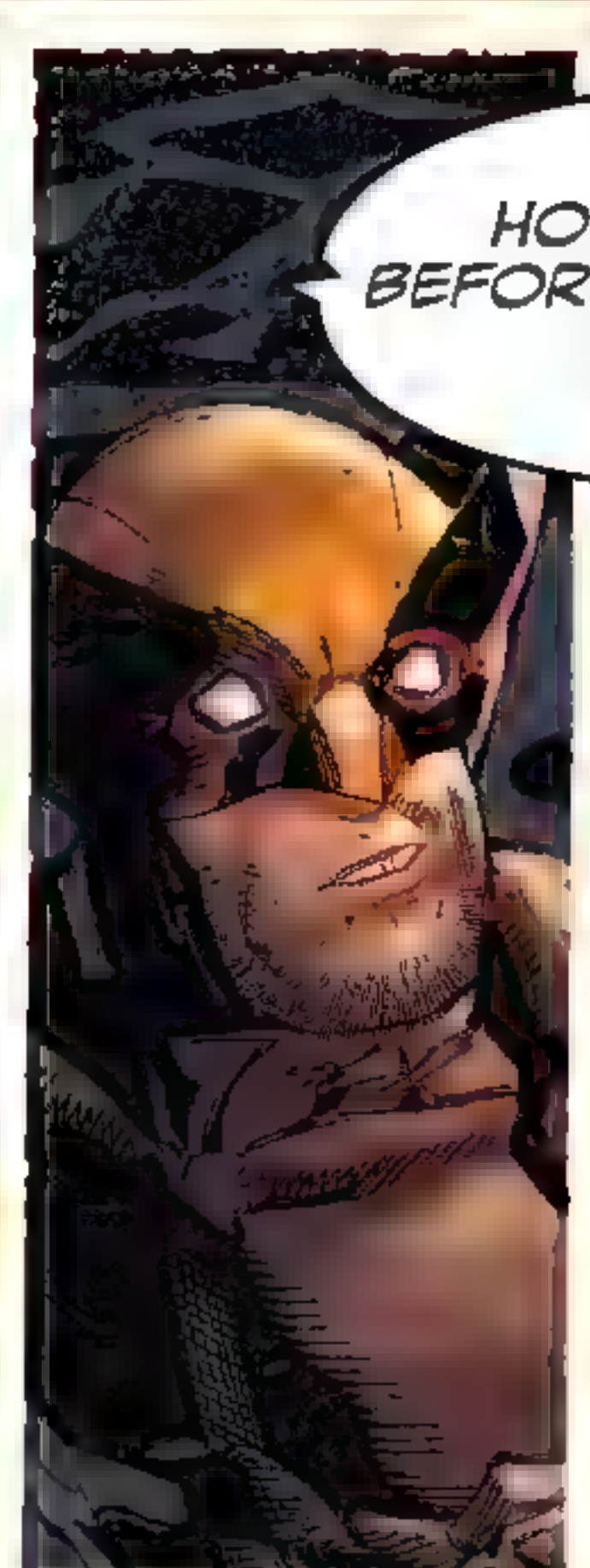
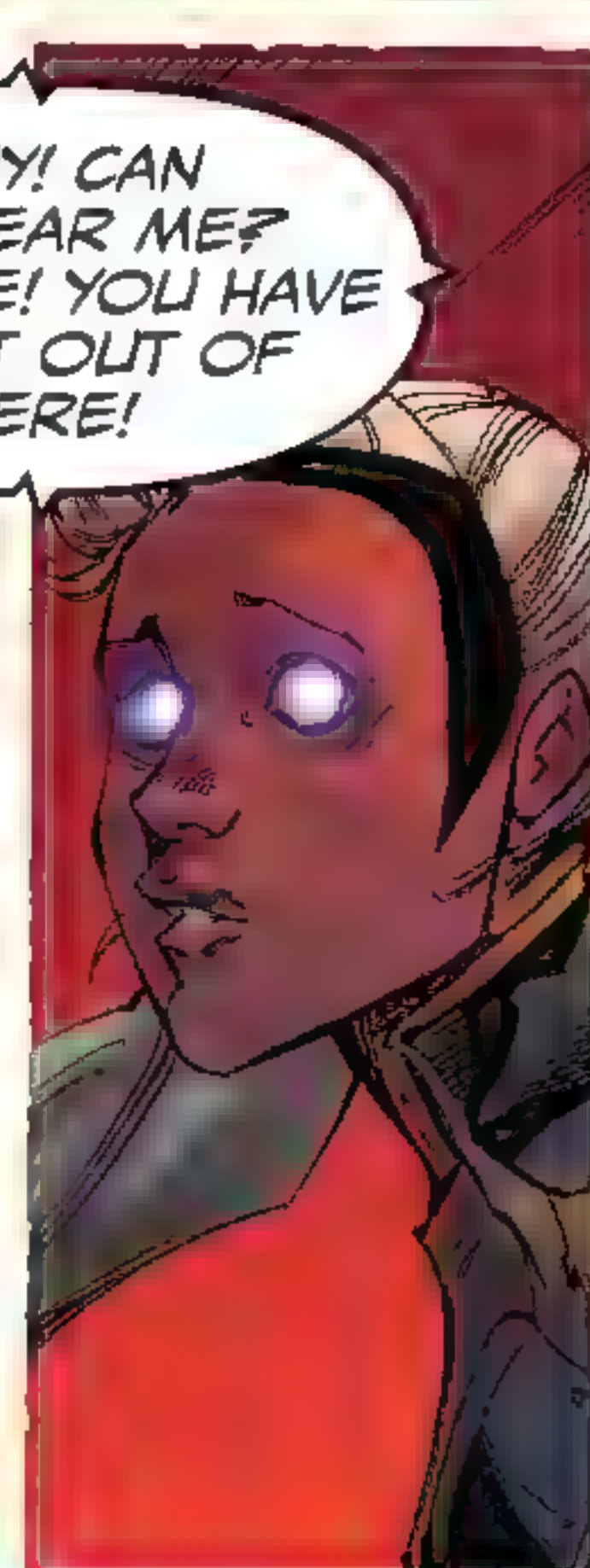
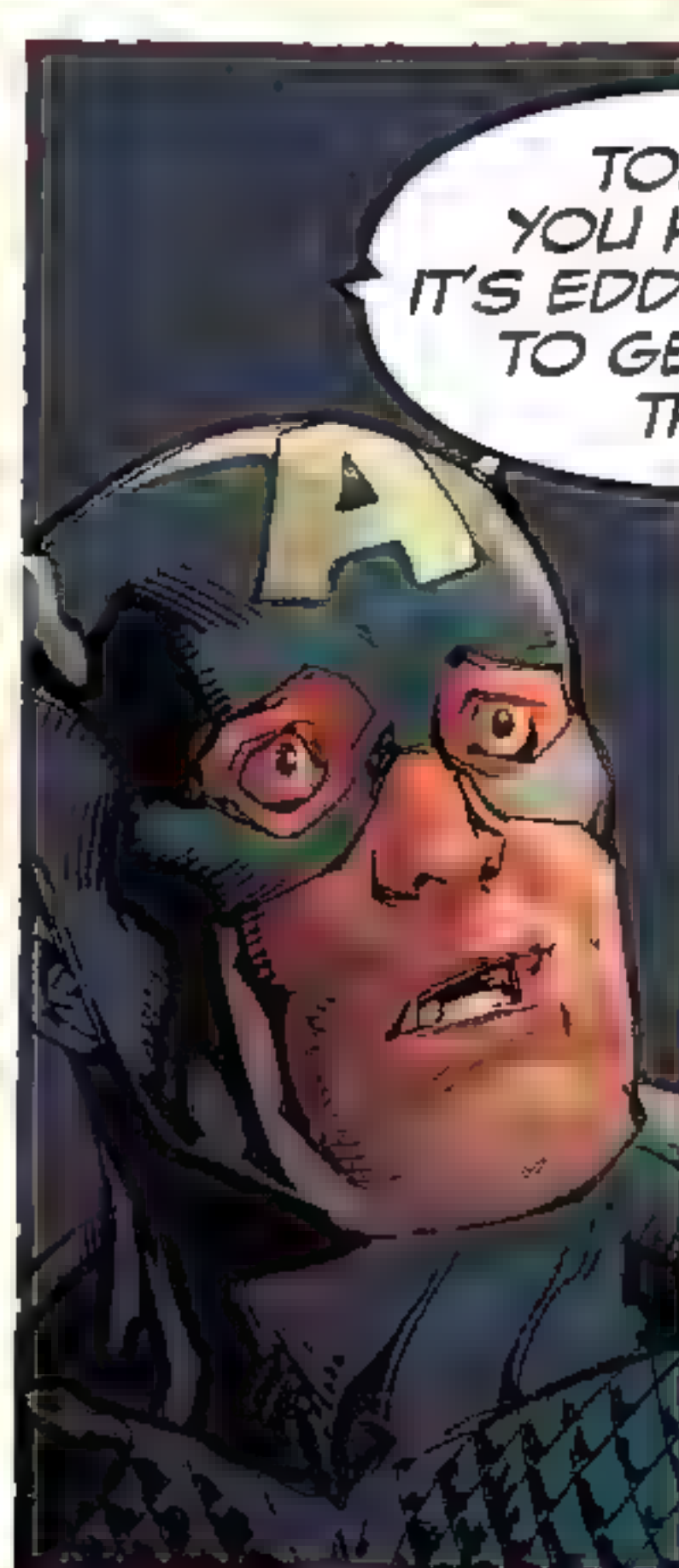


OH GOD, RUN! RUN!!!

IT'S NOT JUST THE DRAGONS! IT'S NOT JUST KNULL!!!



WHAT--WHAT AM I LOOKING AT... I CAN'T...



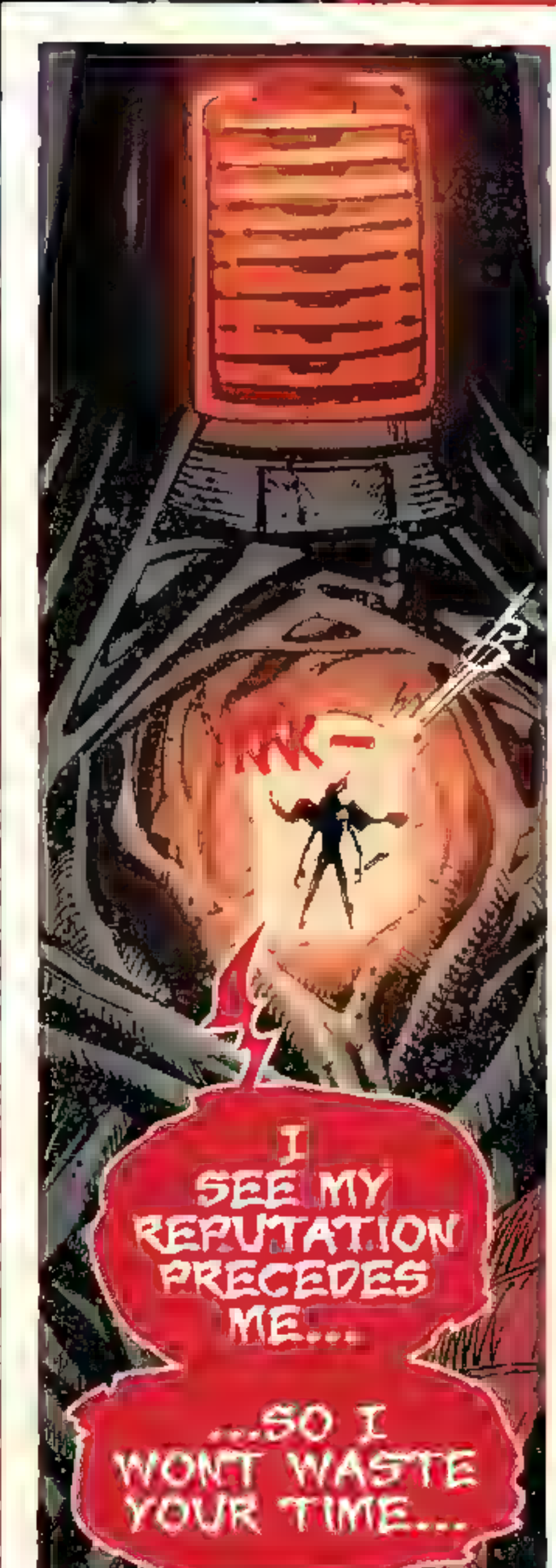
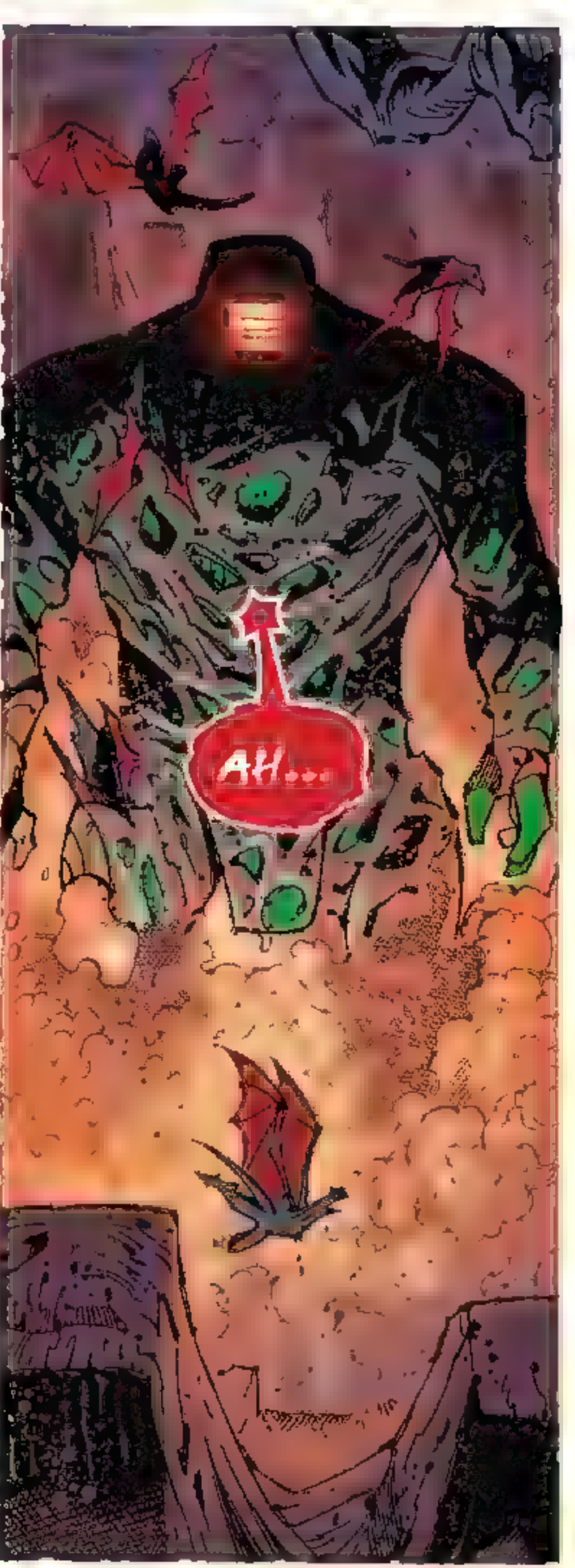
TONY! CAN YOU HEAR ME? IT'S EDDIE! YOU HAVE TO GET OUT OF THERE!

THIS IS HOW IT STARTED. BEFORE THE SYMBIOTES... BEFORE THE DRAGONS...

KNULL'S FIRST ENEMIES WERE THE CELESTIALS...



...AND IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S SETTLED THE SCORE!



I SEE MY REPUTATION PRECEDES ME...
...SO I WON'T WASTE YOUR TIME...

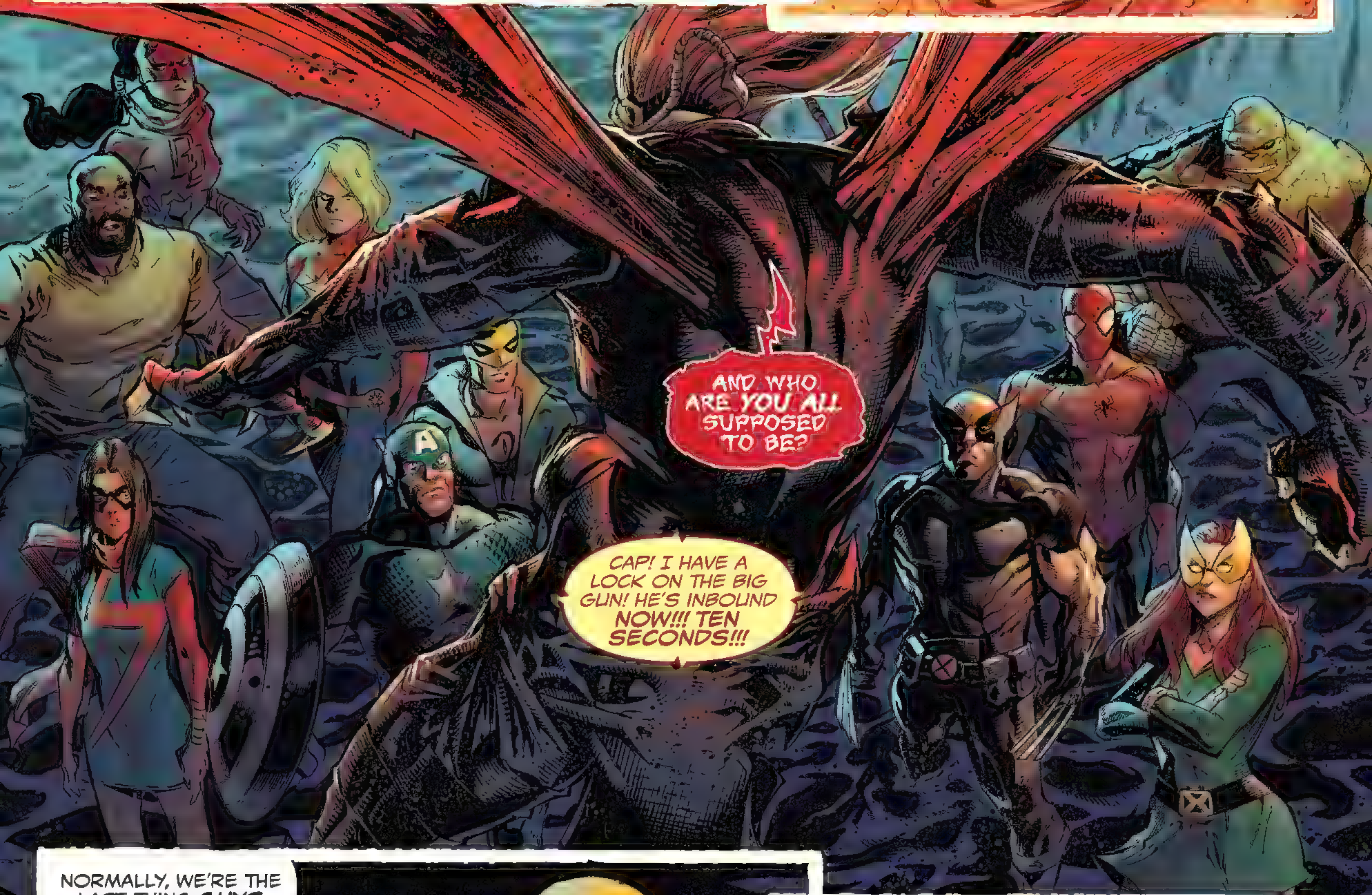


I AM
GOING TO
KILL YOUR
WORLD.

IN THE
MEANTIME, I
AM LOOKING FOR
A HUMAN NAMED
BROCK.

SO BRING
HIM TO ME, AND
THIS CAN BE AS
PAINLESS AND AS
QUICK AS I AM
CAPABLE.

THAT
IS ALL.





GO
INTRODUCE
YOURSELF,
SENTRY.

YES, SIR,
CAPTAIN.

"IT
WOULD BE MY
PLEASURE."

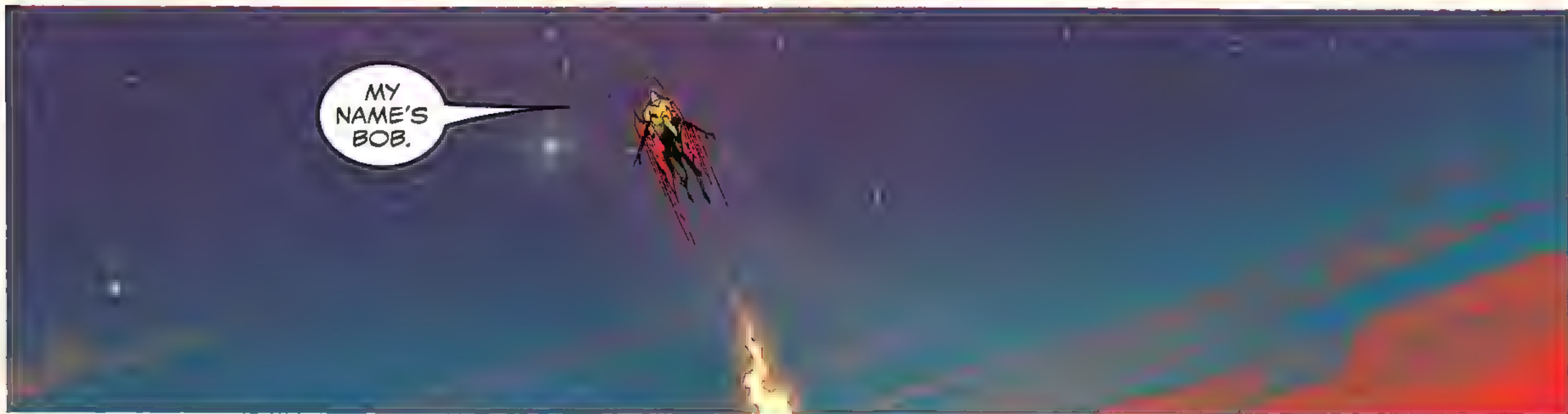
BOOM

NO!!!

YOU!
I'LL KILL YOU
FOR—



HI.



MY
NAME'S
BOB.



YOU CAN
CALL ME **THE
SENTRY**. THIS WILL
ALL BE OVER
IN A--



OH, THERE'S
NO NEED FOR ANY
OF THAT...

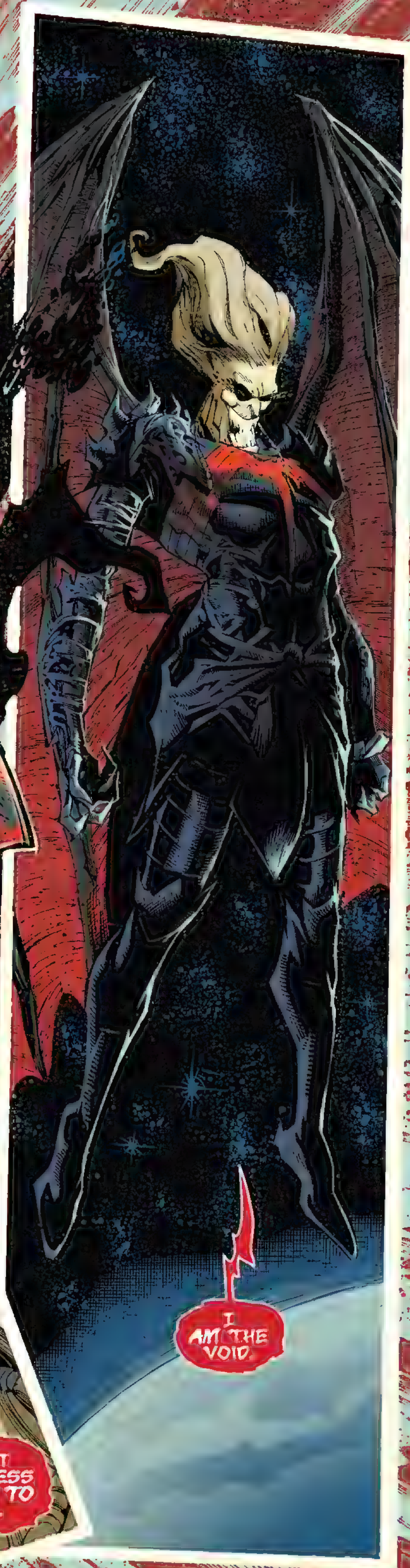
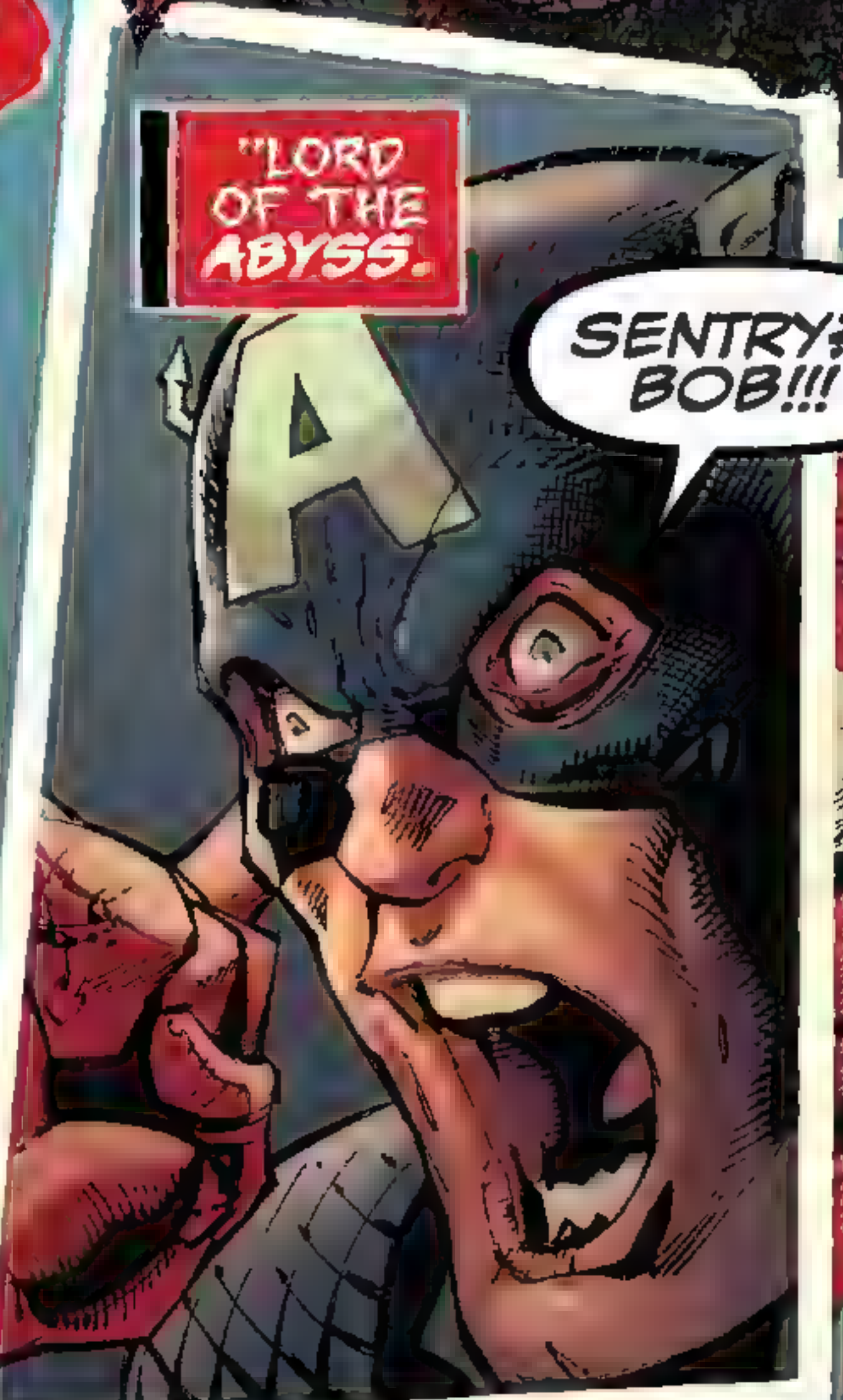
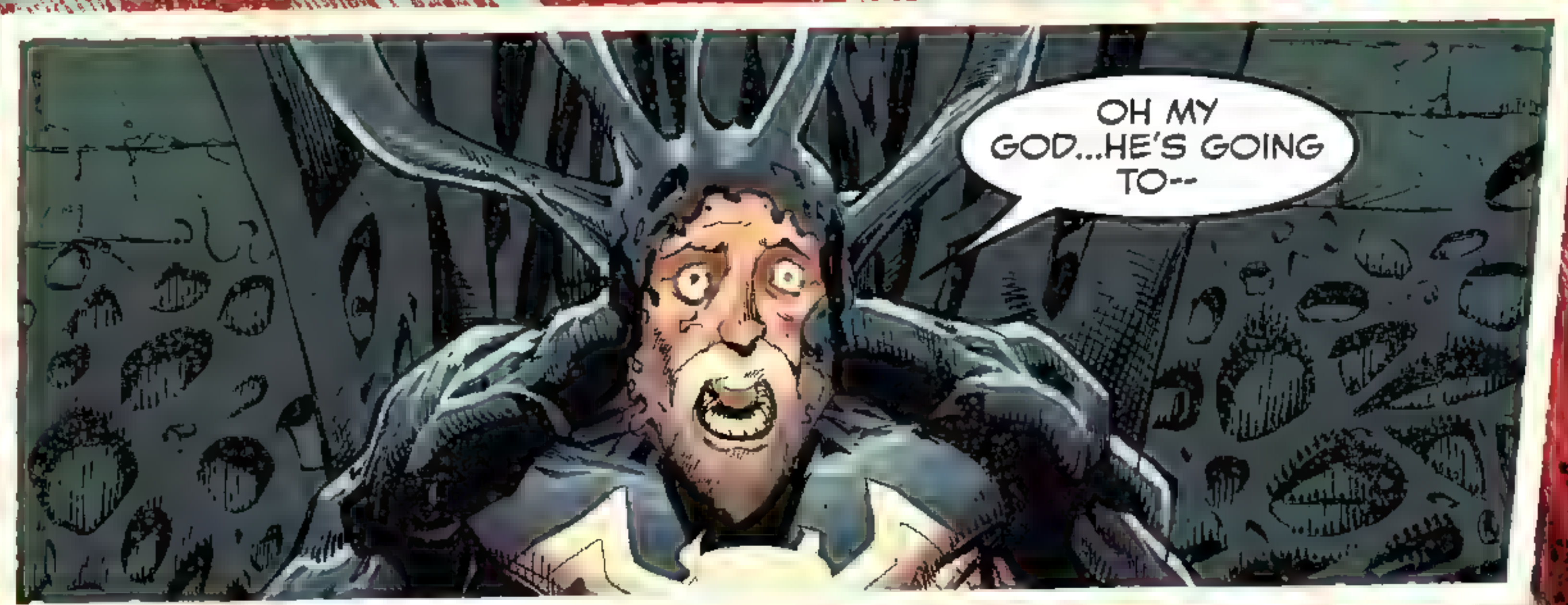
MY HORDE
HAS MEMORY
OF YOU.

YOU
ONCE KILLED
THE ONE CALLED
CARNAGE.

NOW...

...LET
ME INTRODUCE
MYSELF...





CAP! GET OUT OF THERE NOW! CAP, DO YOU HEAR ME? WE HAVE TO REGROUP! WE CAN'T WIN THIS RIGHT NOW!

WE ARE OUT OF OPTIONS, CAP! RUN!!!



TONY...

...THERE'S ALWAYS ONE MORE THING YOU CAN DO.

SECURE THE CITY. GET AS MANY PEOPLE CLEAR AS YOU CAN.

AVENGERS?

WE'LL HOLD THE LINE.

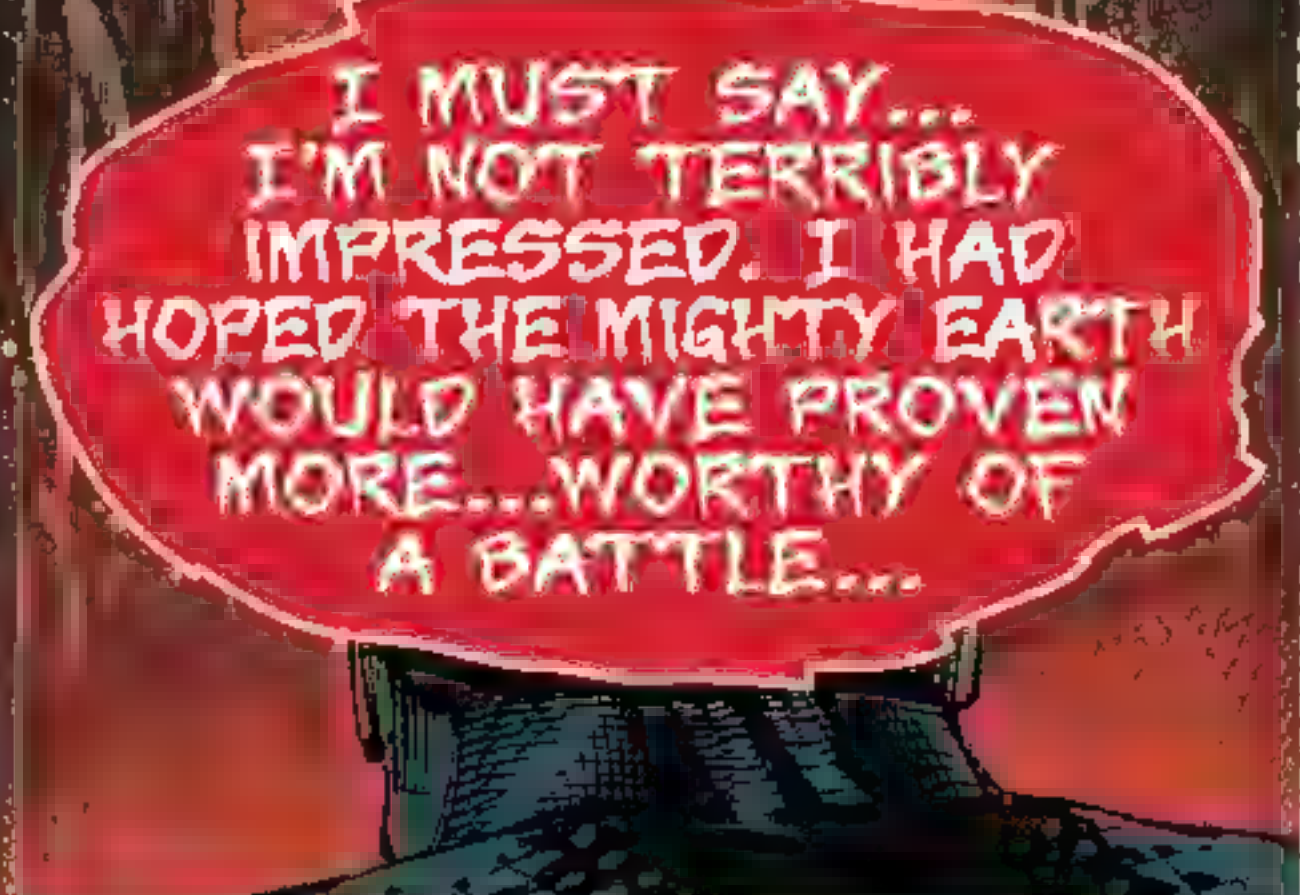
ASSEMB--



WAS THAT IT, THEN? YOUR DEFIANT LAST STAND?



I MUST SAY... I'M NOT TERRIBLY IMPRESSED. I HAD HOPED THE MIGHTY EARTH WOULD HAVE PROVEN MORE...WORTHY OF A BATTLE...



ALAS... YOU WILL FALL LIKE THE REST.

I HAVE MET YOUR ARMIES, LITTLE ONES.

MEET MINE.

THE GROUND! IT'S--

GUYS! HOLD ON, I CAN--

NO! GET OUT OF HERE, SPIDER-MAN! GET HELP!

CAP, PLEASE COME IN! I'M LOSING YOU.



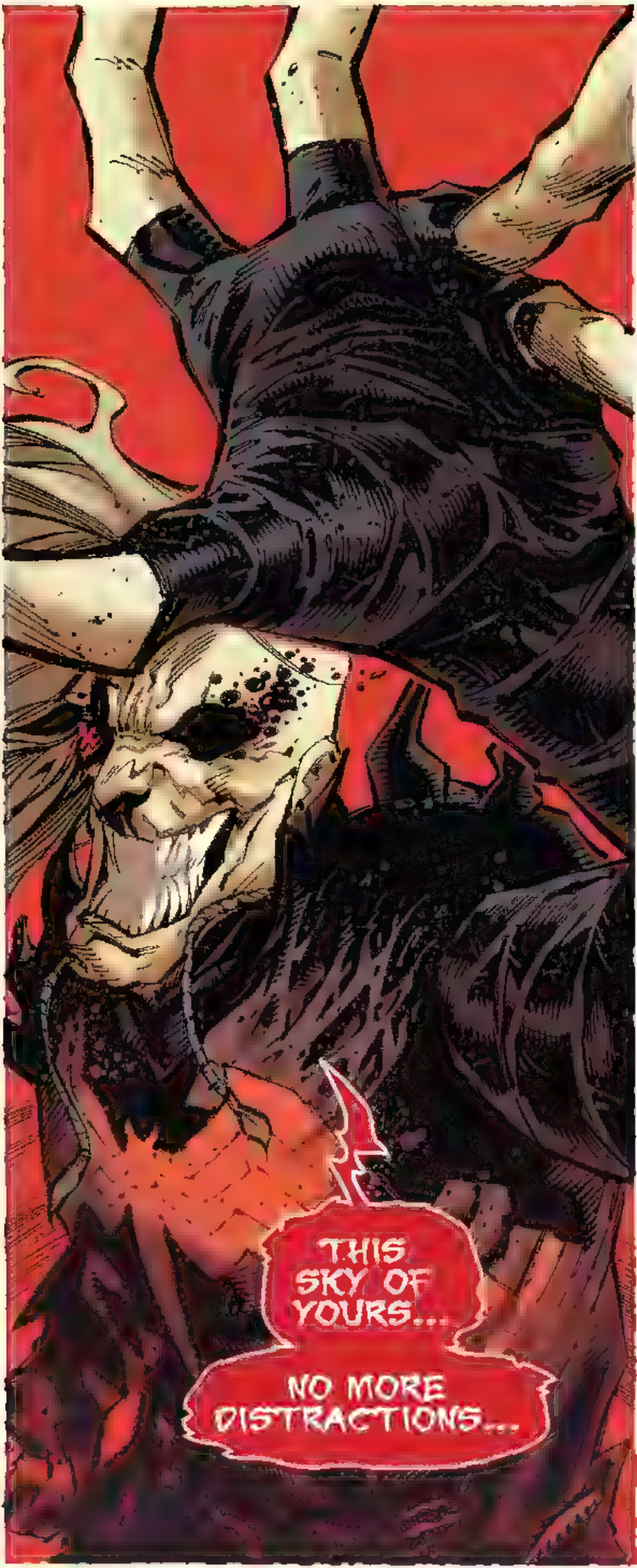
THERE-- THAT'S MUCH BETTER.

NOW... LET'S MAKE SURE WE AREN'T INTERRUPTED FURTHER...

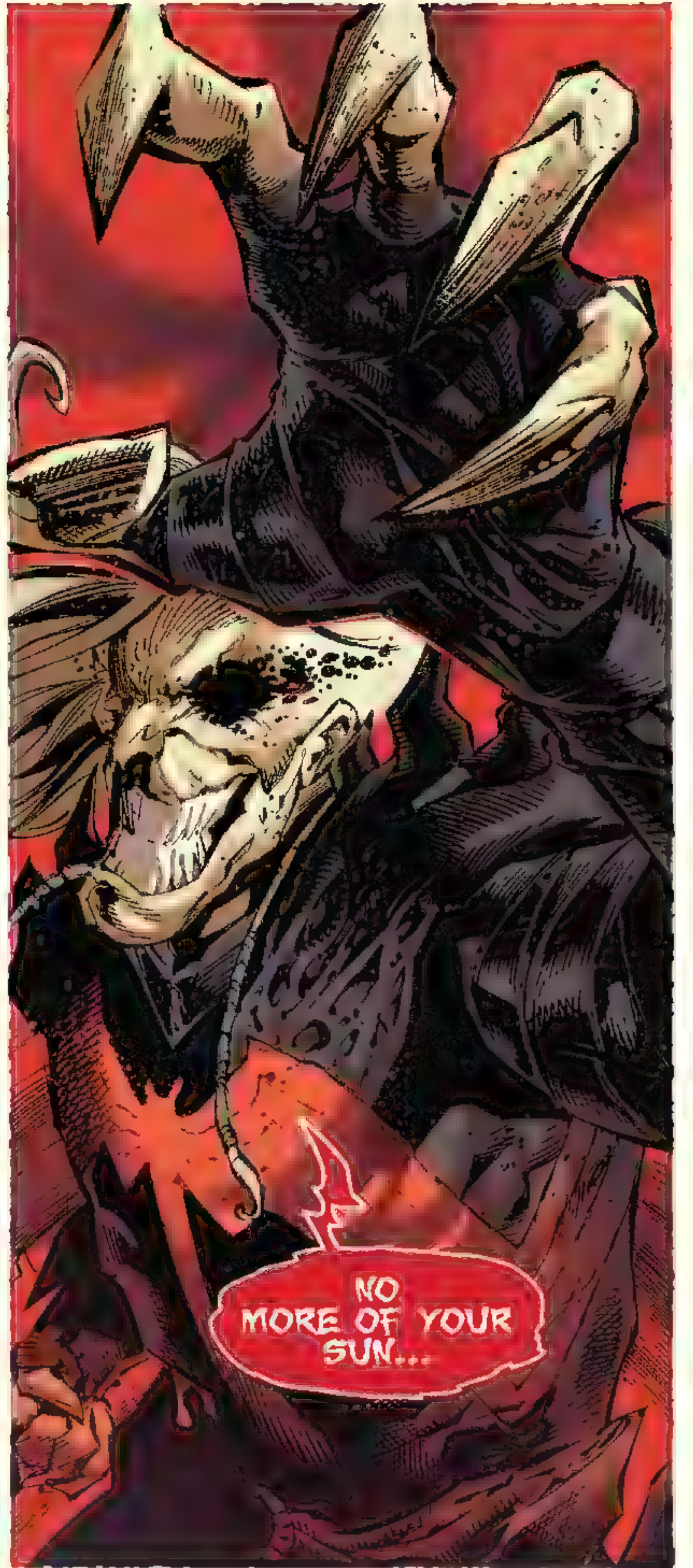
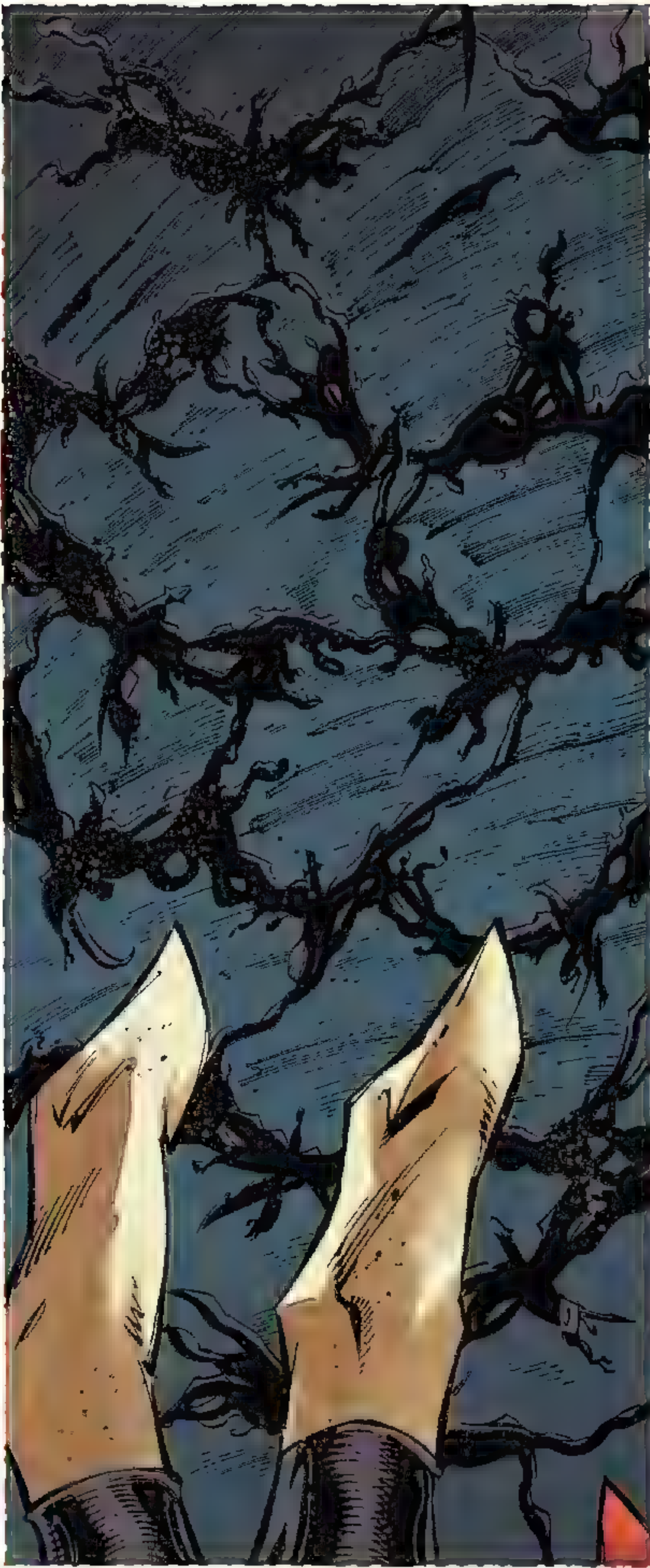
CAP? YOUR CONNECTION IS CUTTING OUT!!! WHAT'S GOING ON?!



STEVE!



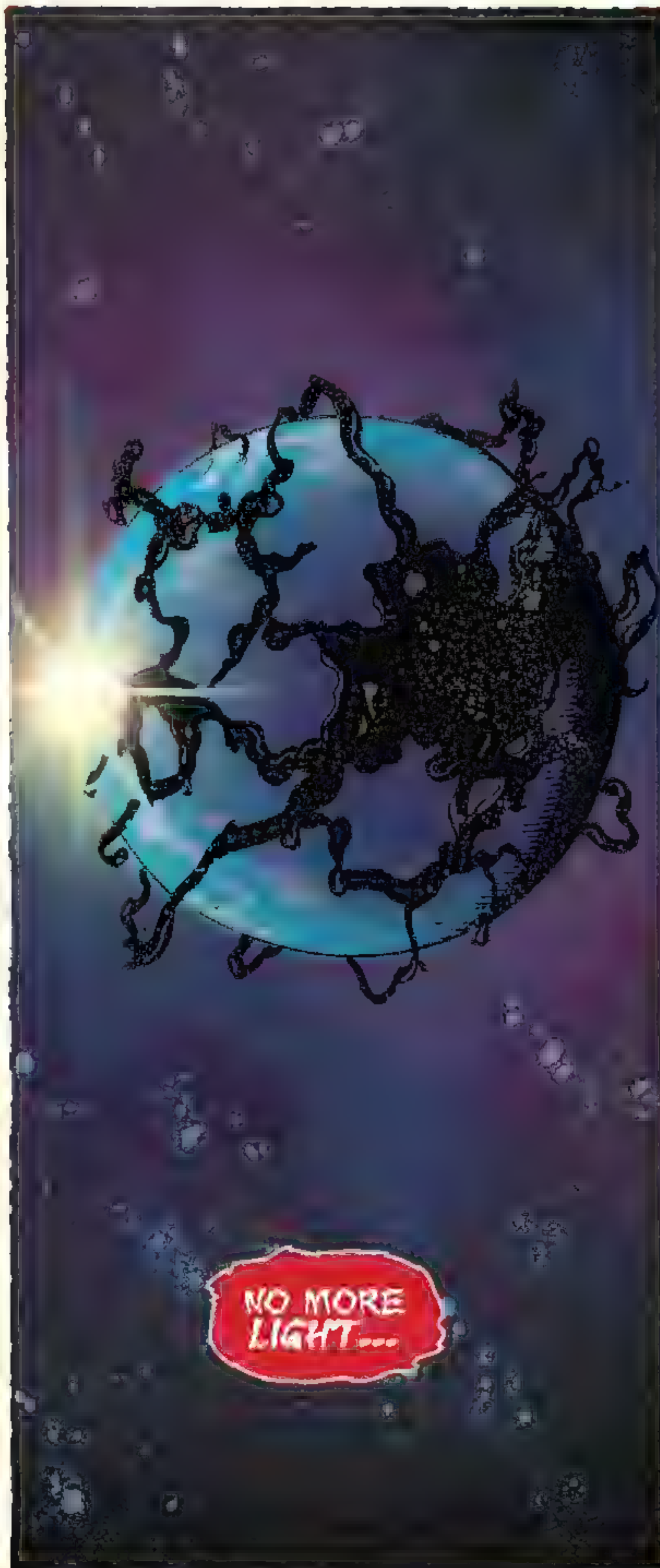
THIS
SKY OF
YOURS...
NO MORE
DISTRACTIONS...



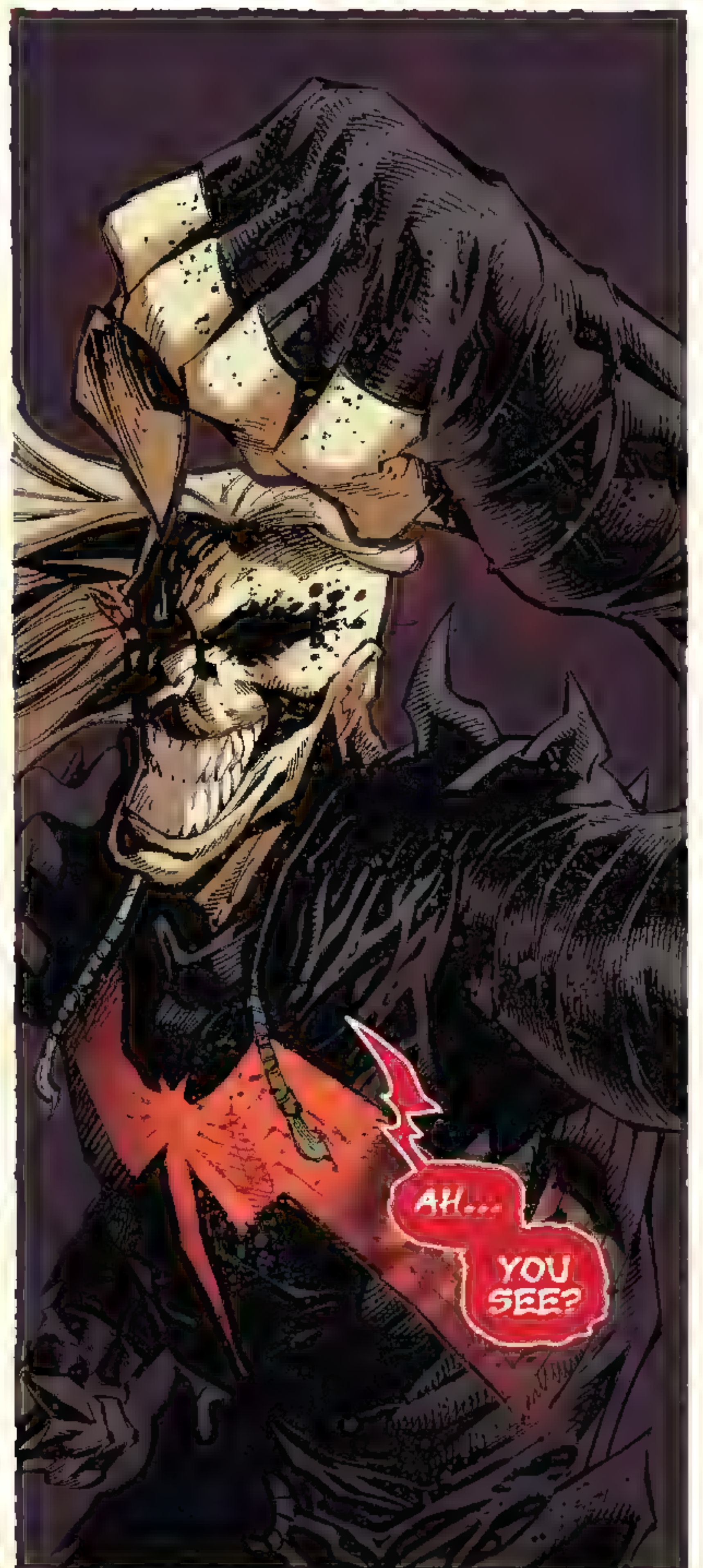
NO
MORE OF YOUR
SUN...



NO MORE
STARS.



NO MORE
LIGHT...



AH...
YOU
SEE?



"ISN'T THIS
SO MUCH
BETTER?"



UM,
CHARLES? TONY?
CAN SOMEONE EXPLAIN
TO ME WHAT JUST
HAPPENED?

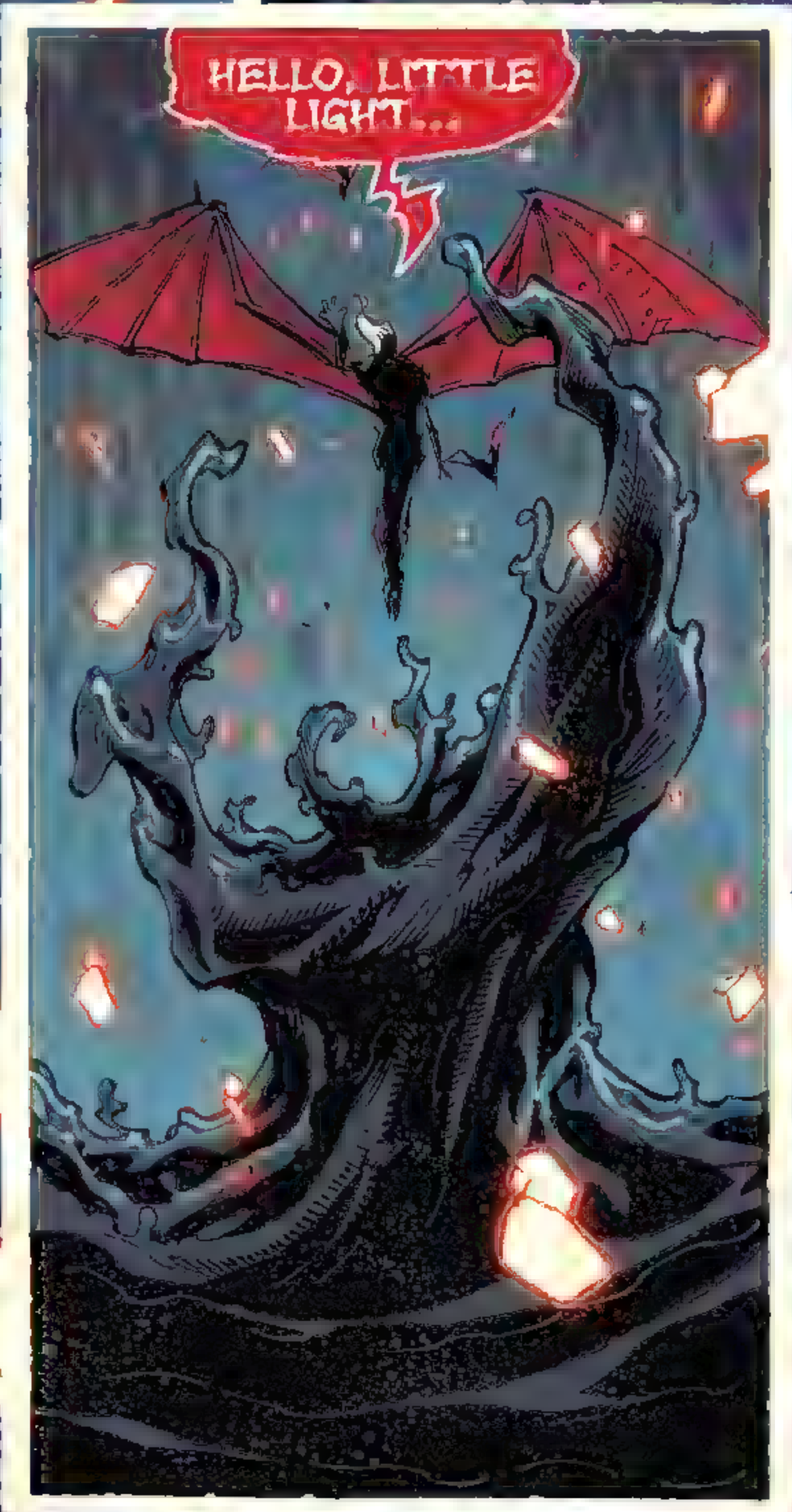
KNOLL...DEAR
GOD! HE JUST
COVERED THE ENTIRE
EARTH IN A
SYMBIOTIC
DOME.

I'M GETTING
REPORTS FROM
WAKANDA, LATVERIA,
JAPAN...IT'S...
EVERYWHERE...

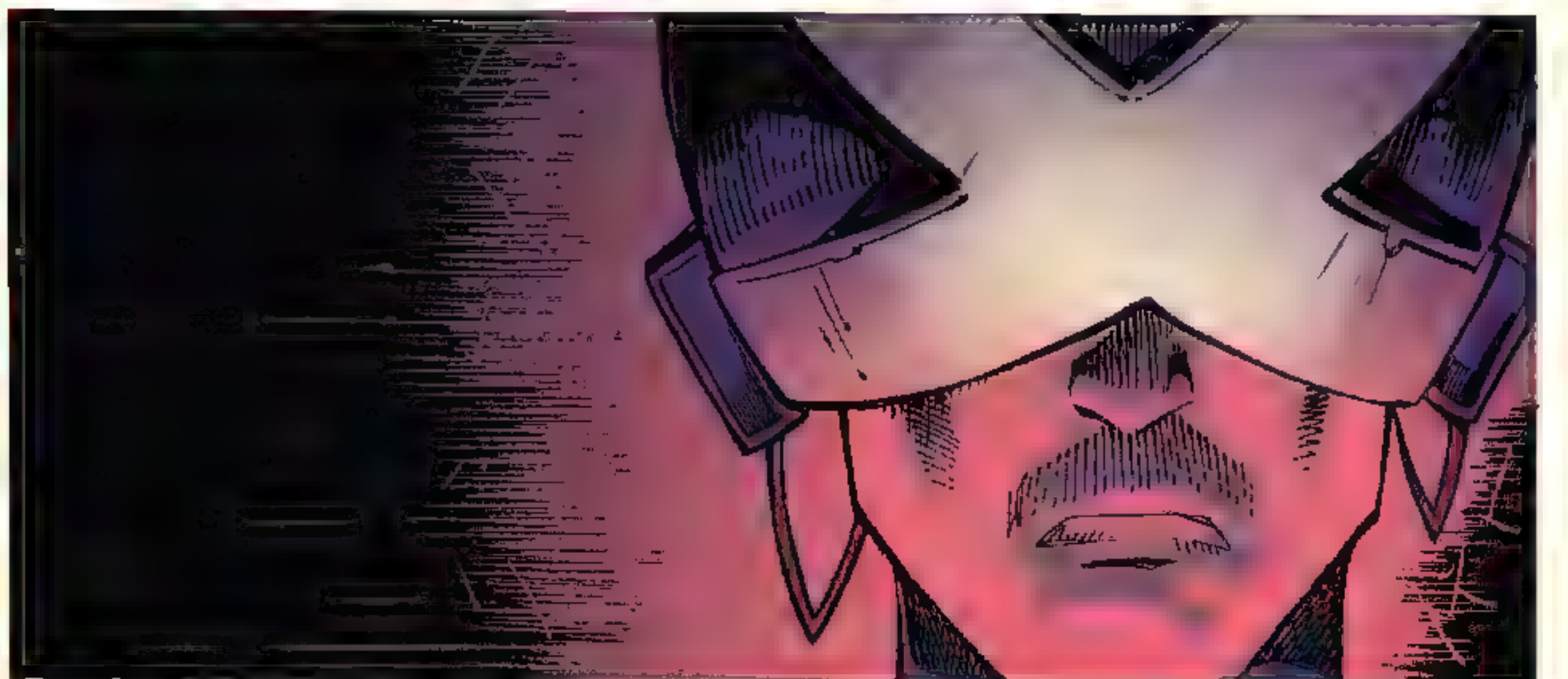
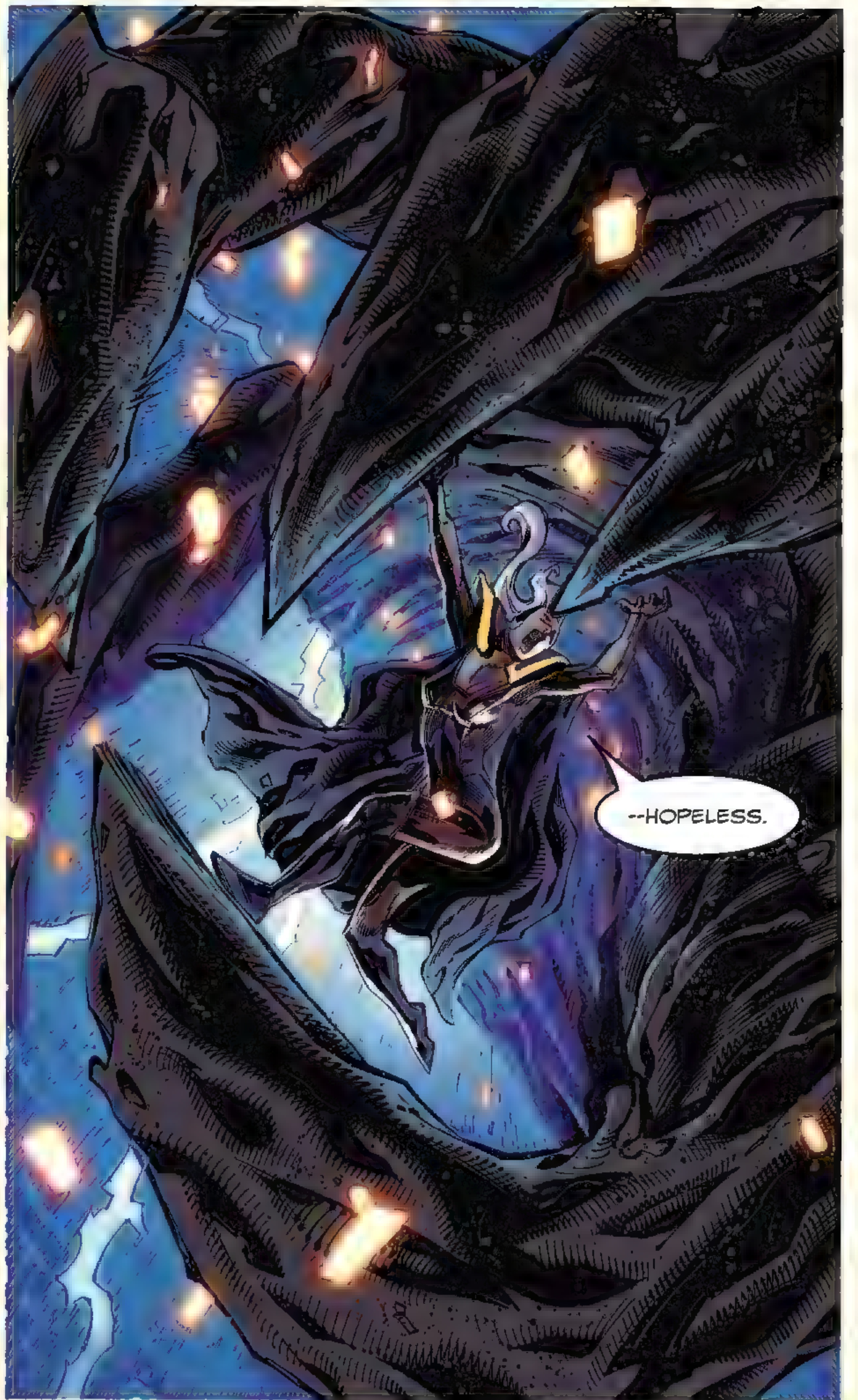


OKAY,
SO...I
NEED A PLAN
HERE. I CAN'T
KEEP THIS
UP!

HMMM...

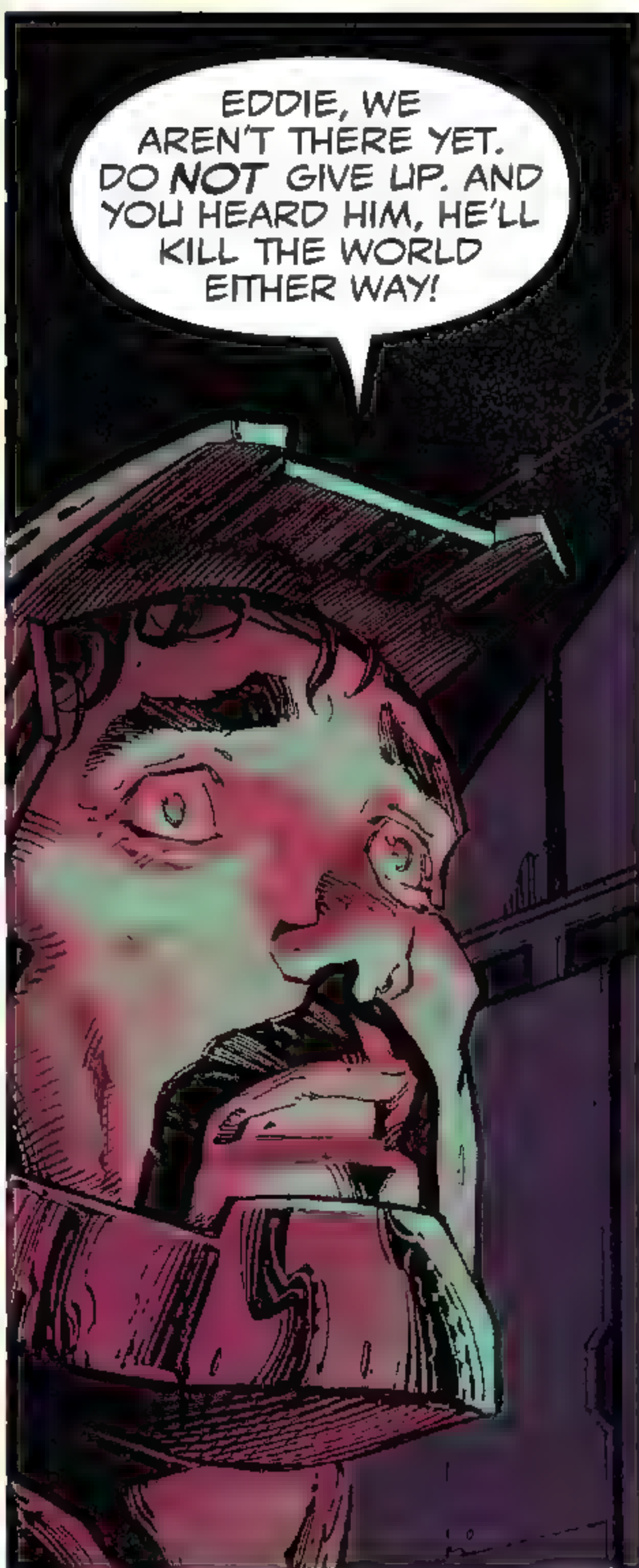


HELLO, LITTLE
LIGHT...





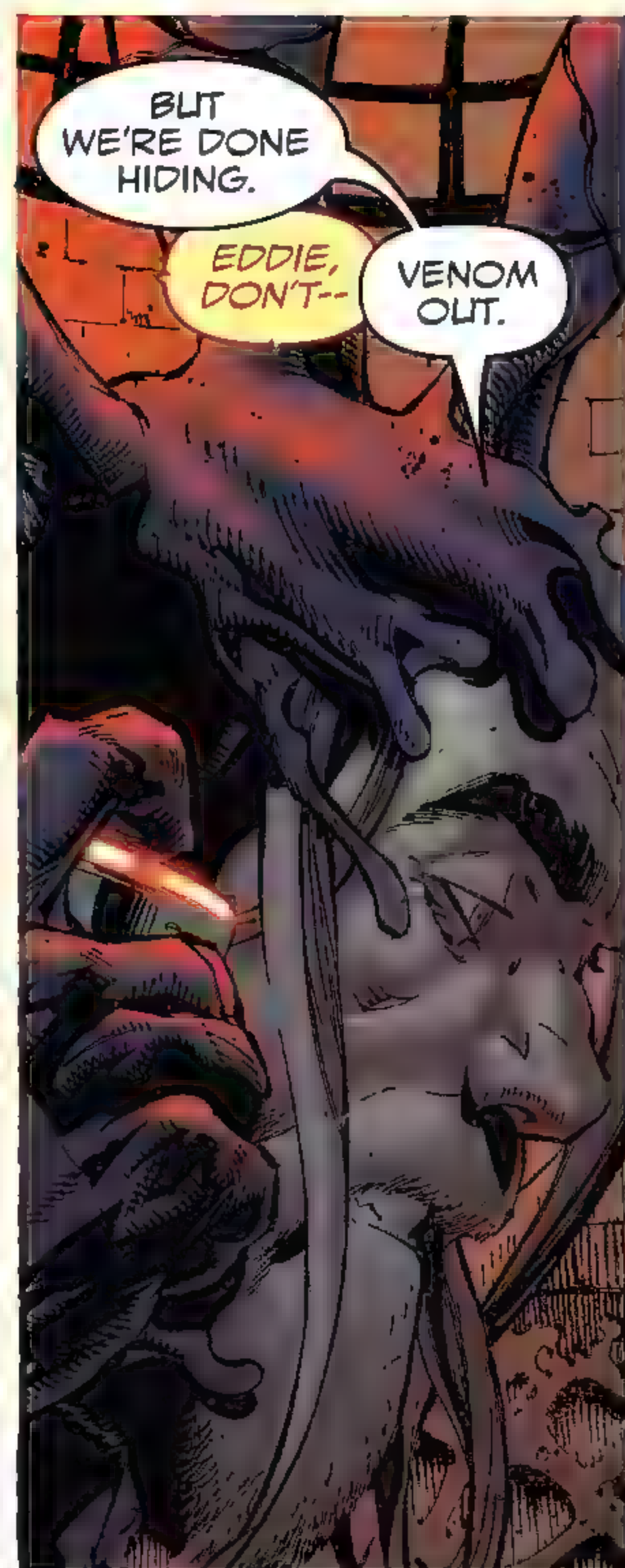
WE'RE GOING TO GIVE HIM WHAT HE WANTS.



EDDIE, WE AREN'T THERE YET. DO NOT GIVE UP. AND YOU HEARD HIM, HE'LL KILL THE WORLD EITHER WAY!



THEN MAYBE WE'LL JUST BUY YOU GUYS SOME TIME.



BUT WE'RE DONE HIDING.

EDDIE, DON'T--

VENOM OUT.



YOU READY?

YES, EDDIE. I...I CAN REACH OUT DIRECTLY TO HIM. IT WILL...

IT'S GOING TO HURT. I KNOW. BUT...

MUST BE DONE, EDDIE. YES... ONLY WAY...

EDDIE... WANTED TO TELL YOU...



NO MATTER
WHAT
HAPPENS...

WANTED
TO MAKE
SURE...YOU
KNEW THAT
WE...THAT
I--

YEAH...



I
KNOW.



LAST DANCE,
PARTNER.

YOU
READY?

YES,
EDDIE.

ALL RIGHT,
THEN...



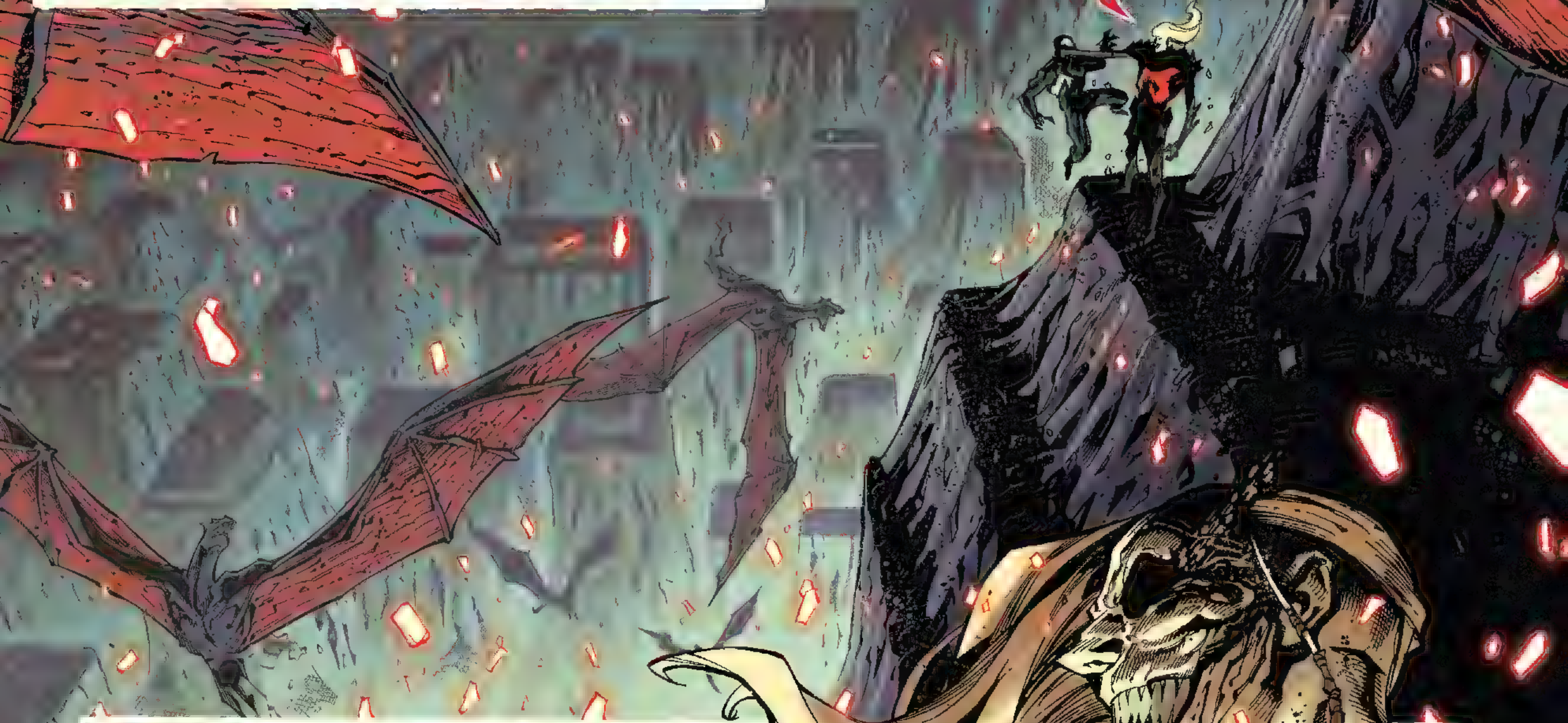
LET'S
GO MEET OUR
MAKER.





DO YOU
SEE HOW
BEAUTIFUL
THE DARK
IS?

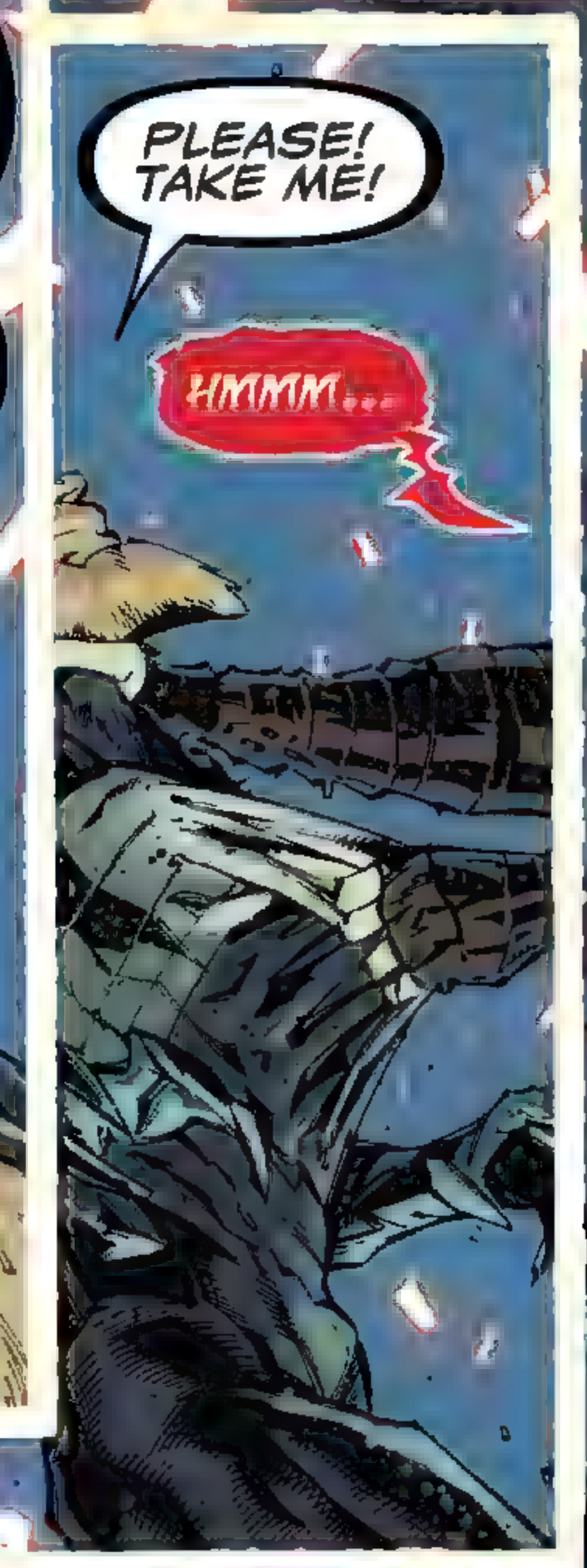
WITH
STILL SO
MUCH LIGHT TO
KILL...BUT
ALREADY...





N-NO!!!
NO, IT'S US YOU
WANT! WE BEAT
YOU, YOU SON OF
A #&%&@! YOUR
FIGHT IS WITH
US!!!

LEAVE
MY SON
ALONE!!!



PLEASE!
TAKE ME!

HMMMM...

AGHHHH!!!

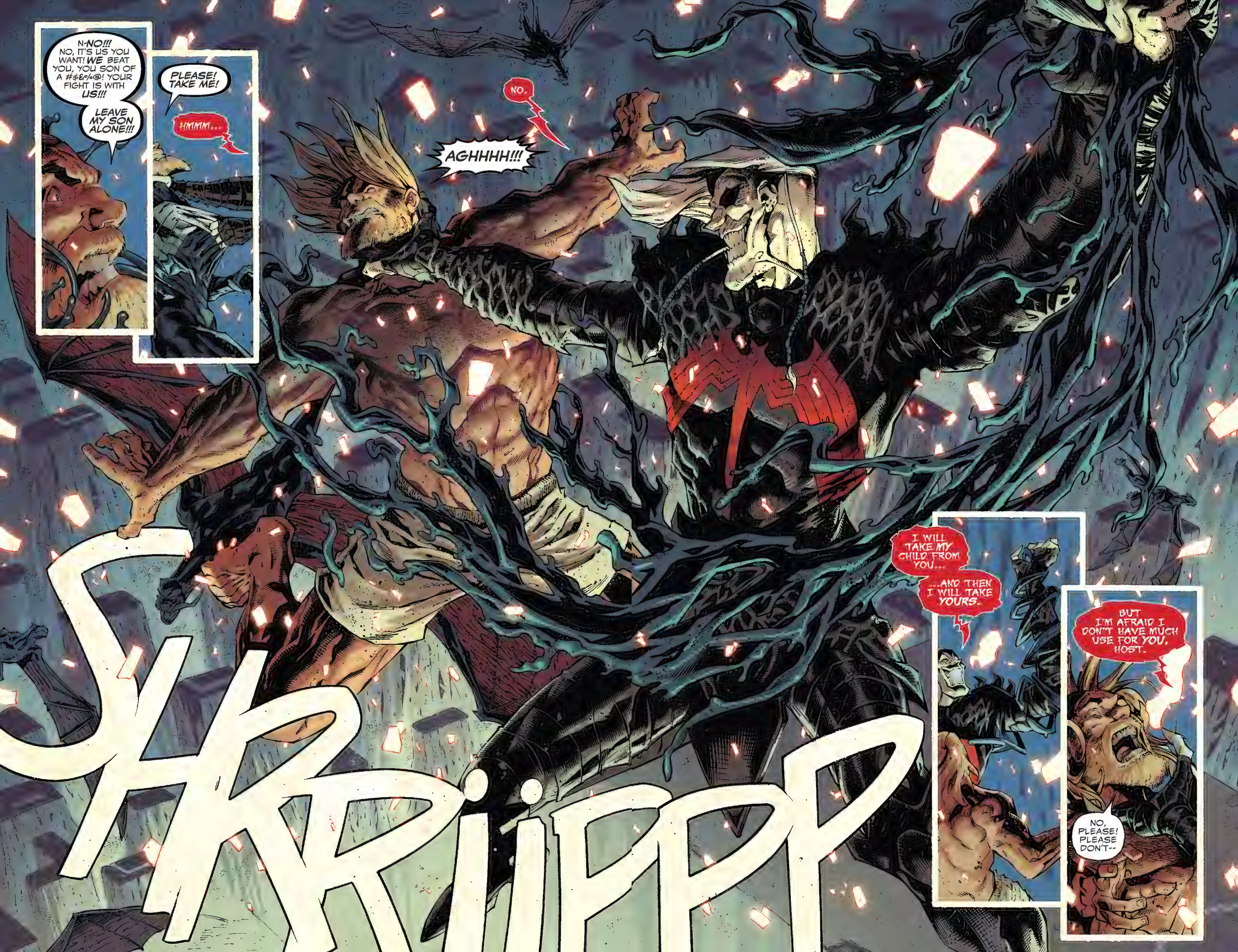
NO...

I WILL
TAKE MY
CHILD FROM
YOU...

...AND THEN
I WILL TAKE
YOURS.

BUT
I'M AFRAID I
DON'T HAVE MUCH
USE FOR YOU,
HOST.

NO,
PLEASE!
PLEASE DON'T--





HEIRS TO THE THRONE

While his focus on Earth is a recent development, Knull has been readying himself for a war against the light and life for eons, and the symbiotes, while arguably Knull's most dangerous and perfect creation, were certainly not the first...



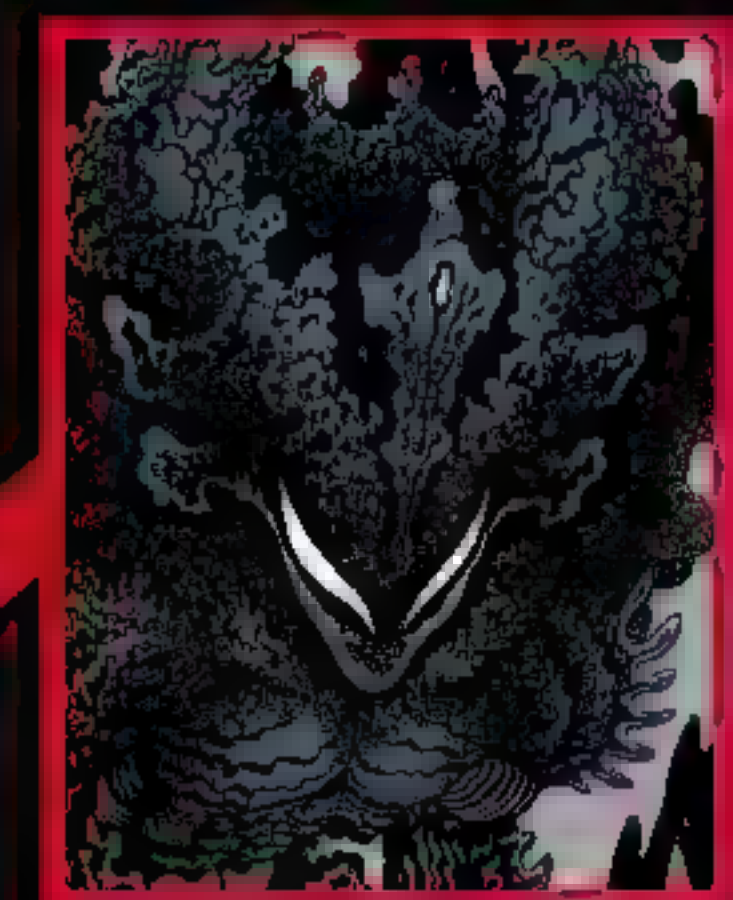
KNULL

The god and creator of the symbiotes, Knull is the ruler of THE ABYSS, the existential chasm between the destroyed previous universe and the prime reality that took its place. Swearing vengeance on every living thing birthed by the *Celestials*, Knull gave life to creations of his own...



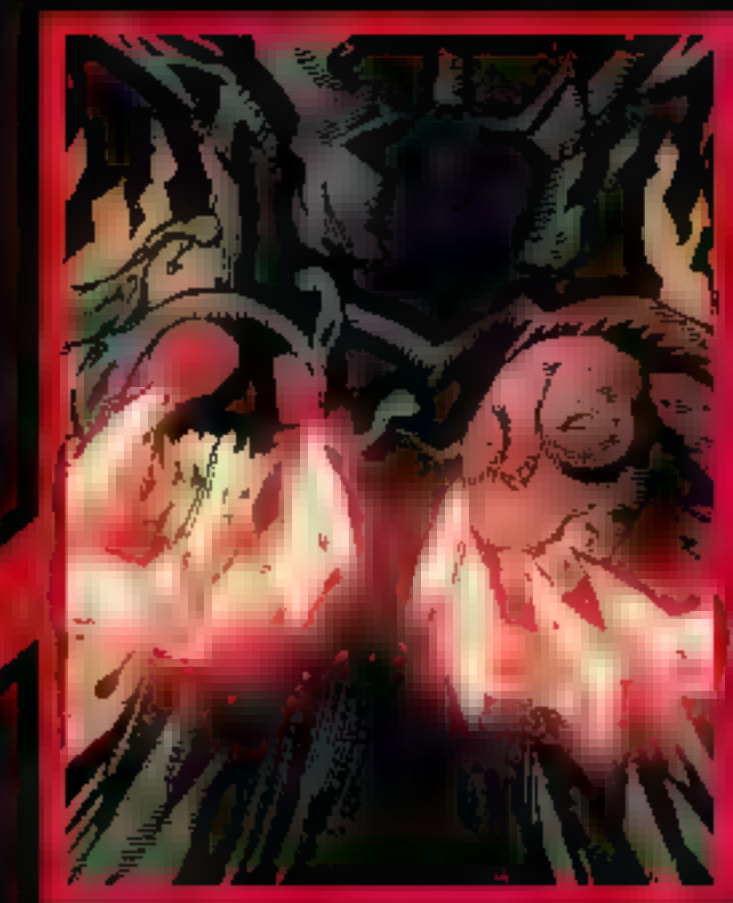
THE NECROSWORD

Death itself made manifest, the *Necrosword*, or *All-Black*, was forged in the core of a dead Celestial. The first weapon Knull formed in his war against the light, it is capable of slaying Celestials and can be summoned from the living darkness of which the symbiotes are composed.



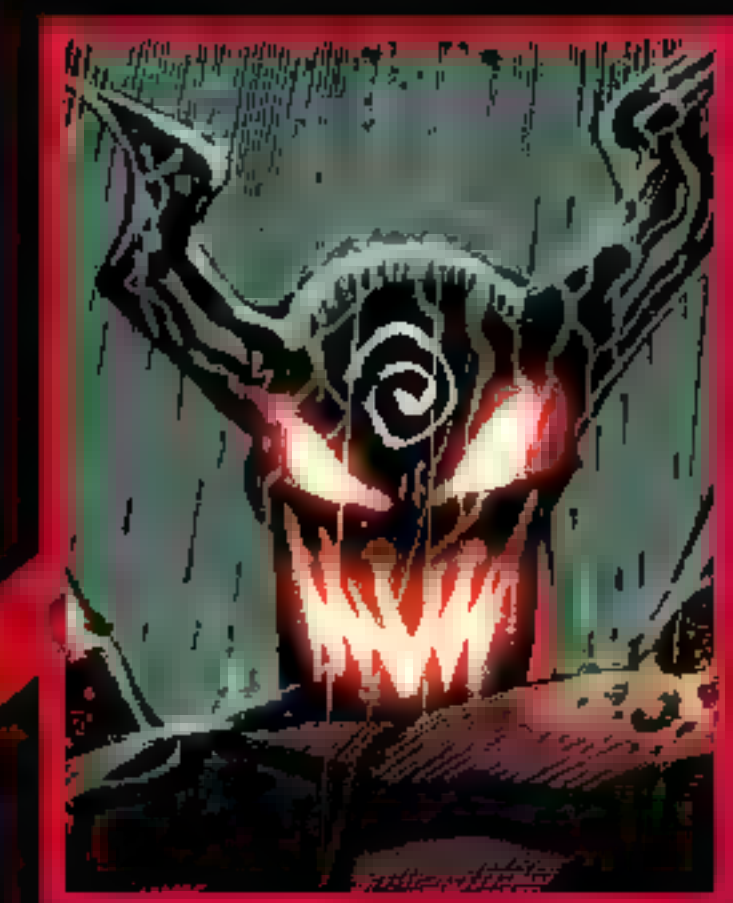
THE VOID KNIGHT

Born to combat the *Silver Surfer*, the *Void Knight* would perhaps rank as one of Knull's favorite creations, were the God-King of the Symbiotes capable of such sentiment. The Lord of the Abyss felt a kinship with this powerful and dangerous creation and almost felt regret when the Surfer erased it from existence.



THE SYMBIOTES

Before Knull encountered Thor, he realized that his dragons would not be numerous enough to extinguish life in the universe and return it to its blissful state before the existence of the Celestials. So he began to experiment, manipulating *darkness* into a living form. In time, Knull realized that rather than eradicating life, he could simply *corrupt* it.



DARK CARNAGE

Trapped, Knull reached into the psychic darkness of his symbiotic creations, hoping to psychically connect with any receptive host. He did this for lifetimes until he found one in *Cletus Kasady*. Long-dead, Kasady's corpse was obtained by an Earthbound cult that has worshipped Knull for generations. Bonded to the last remnants of an incinerated symbiote dragon, Kasady was resurrected as a new *Dark Carnage* and unleashed absolute chaos on an unsuspecting New York and world...

THE SYMBIOTE DRAGONS

Though their origins remain shrouded in mystery, the symbiote dragons were created to surge through space and destroy any life they encountered. Not shackled by vulnerabilities to sonics and fire (unless in the most *extreme* amounts), they even reached as far as the Milky Way galaxy and Earth's local solar system. Tormenting humankind, they served as inspiration for chapters of Earth's shared mythology and manifested Knull's wrathful will on an unsuspecting universe.



THE EXOLON

With each attempt at controlling the living Abyss, Knull grew closer to a perfected design. The place he sent the less-successful of his experiments became known as the Exoteric Latitude. An as-yet relatively unexplored region of space, the *Exoteric Latitude* is home to the *Exolon*, creatures that, true to their nature, found hosts in a group of unwitting Kree who happened to drift through their corner of the universe.



THE SYMBIOTE HIVE

As the symbiote species grew, Knull remained psychically connected to all of them. What was once a few dragons or symbiotes became a teeming hive mind with Knull at its center. Ultimately, that connection that proved to be his undoing, as his creations rebelled and entombed him at the heart of what would come to be known as the symbiote homeworld, *Klyntar*.



OTHER EXPERIMENTS

Evidence suggests that there are other organisms in the universe that Knull created, adrift among the stars. Whatever their origins, one thing is for certain — Knull has *some* psychic sway over them.



PRE-CREATION

Knull forges the Necrosword and begins the experiments that would eventually become the symbiote species and its offshoots. (**VENOM #1-6, SILVER SURFER: BLACK**)

~1000 BCE

Knull, encased in symbiote armor, battles a mysterious golden god on the homeworld of Gorr the God Butcher. (**THOR: GOD OF THUNDER #6**)

~700 CE--1970

Encased in ice at the bottom of the ocean, the Grendel lies dormant, lost to time.

~ONE YEAR AGO

After the dissolution of S.H.I.E.L.D., the frozen Grendel symbiote breaks out of containment and unleashes its fury on an unsuspecting New York City. Aided by the younger Spider-Man, Eddie Brock incinerates the monster, but the *Maker* acquires a small sample of its remains. (**VENOM #1-#6**)

~THREE MONTHS AGO

Dark Carnage launches an all-out assault on the remaining living symbiote hosts, including Venom. With no choice, the Venom symbiote absorbs the Grendel from Cletus Kasady and is once again subsumed into Knull's hive. With enough of the Codex restored to free himself, Knull disperses the symbiotes that form the planet Klyntar around him and reforms them into a horde of hundreds of thousands of dragons — and begins a death march across the universe... (**ABSOLUTE CARNAGE**)

~TWO WEEKS AGO

Eddie Brock warns the Avengers that the Codex is complete and Knull has begun a campaign across the galaxy. Before they can properly mount a counteroffensive and extract all possible intel from Brock, he is swept into the timestream after being ambushed by Mac Gargan. (**FREE COMIC BOOK DAY: SPIDER-MAN/VENOM 2020**)



1



3



5



7



9



11



VENOM

Years ago, disgraced reporter Eddie Brock stumbled upon an alien organism during one of the lowest points of his life. Severed from its own collected consciousness, the symbiote found a willing partner in Brock, and the two became *Venom*, a vigilante in their own right, who eliminated the criminal element with extreme prejudice.



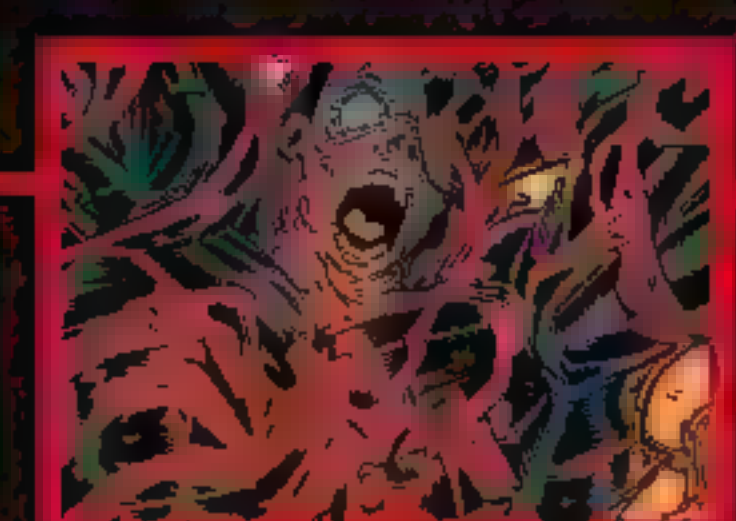
2



4



6



8



10

~100,000 YEARS AGO

Knull dispatches the dragon symbiotes into the universe to eradicate all life. (**VENOM #4**)

~600 CE

The dragon symbiotes arrive on Earth and attack man in Scandinavia. Mistaking the creature for an Earthbound beast, humankind names it *Grendel*.

Thor comes to their aid and dispatches the dragon with a bolt of lightning. His attack causes a feedback loop within Knull's symbiote hive that incapacitates the god-king. The symbiotes rebel and entomb their creator. (**VENOM #1-#6**)

~1971

Led by Nick Fury, S.H.I.E.L.D. locates and excavates the Grendel, sampling its genetic material and exposing United States service members to it in small doses. (**WEB OF VENOM: VE'NAM**)

~TEN MONTHS AGO

The Maker's sample of the Grendel is stolen from his laboratory by a cult that has worshipped Knull for generations. Also in possession of the corpse of Cletus Kasady, the cult bonds the Grendel's remains to Cletus' and the result is the creation of a new, *Dark Carnage*. (**WEB OF VENOM: CARNAGE BORN**)

~ONE MONTH AGO

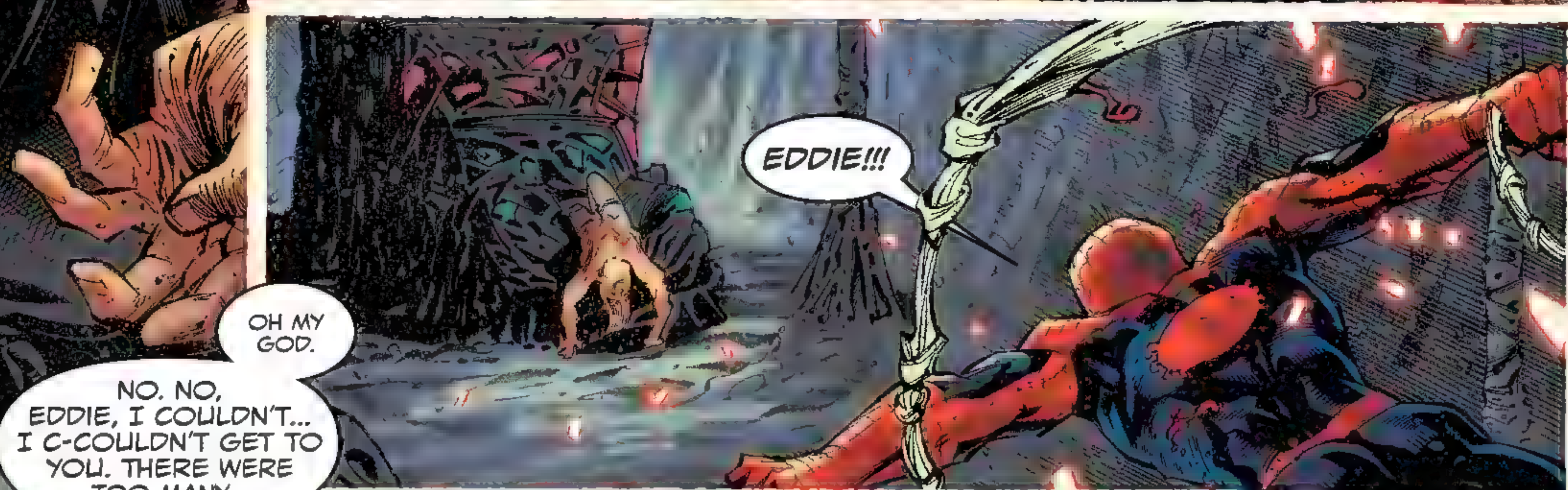
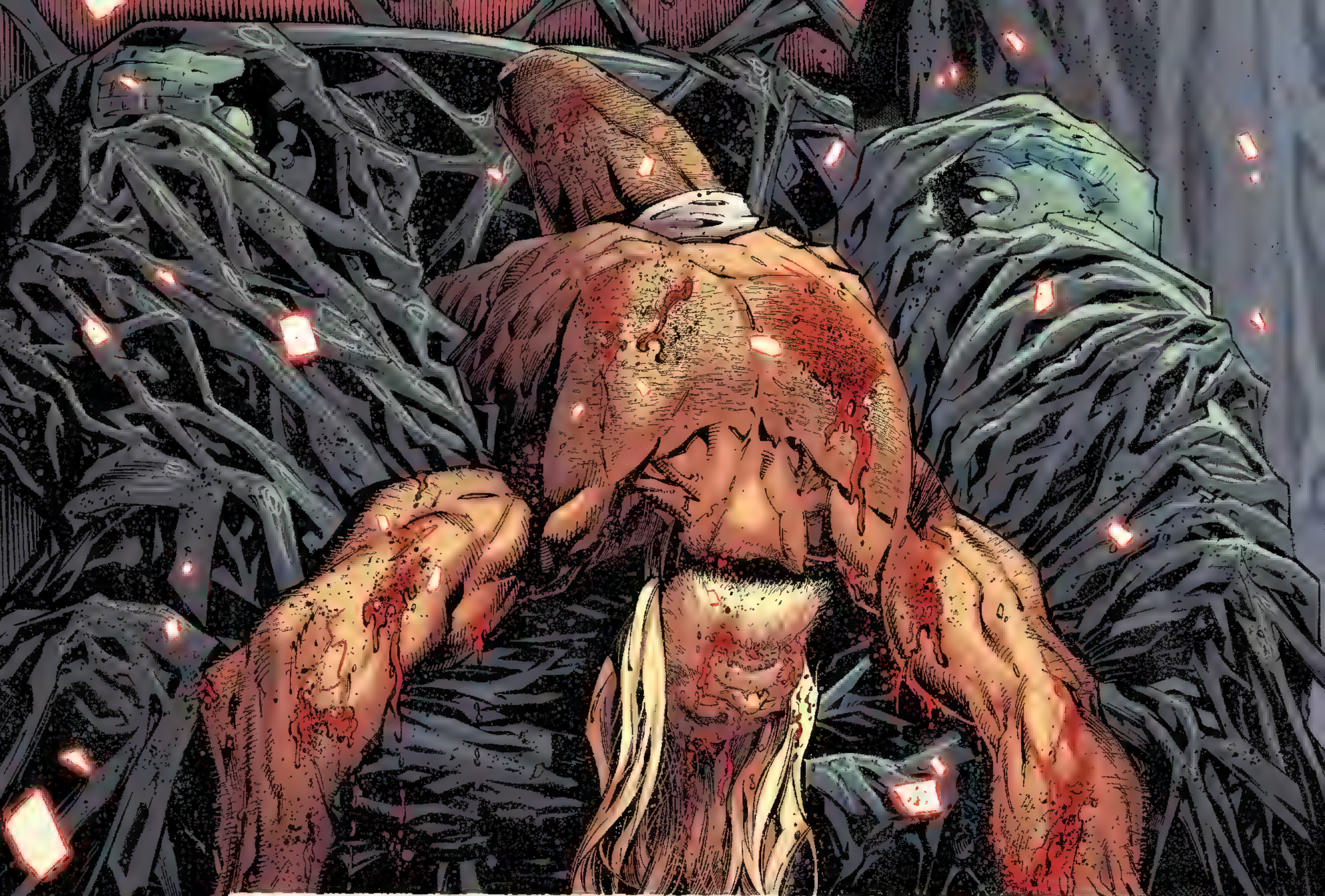
The Interstellar warrior and Guardian of the Galaxy called *Wraith*, convinced that Knull is responsible for the parasitic Exolon that gave him his abilities, arrives at the planet Klyntar. Knull, now freed, acknowledges that the Exolon are one of his experiments and strips Wraith of them. Dying without the Exolon, Wraith teleports to Earth to warn Eddie Brock that Knull is free. (**WEB OF VENOM: WRAITH**)





CHAPTER TWO
FALL





EDDIE!!!

OH MY GOD.

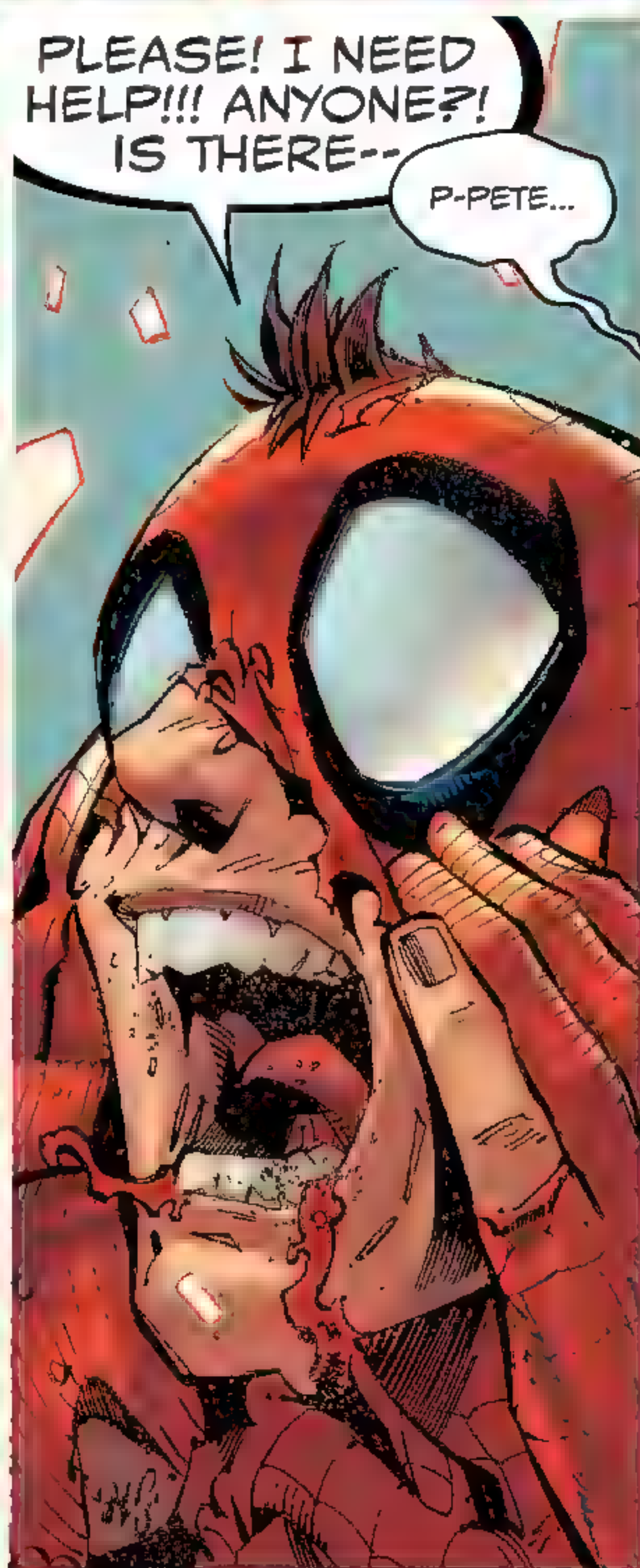
NO. NO, EDDIE, I COULDN'T... I C-COULDN'T GET TO YOU. THERE WERE TOO MANY...



EDDIE, PLEASE! TALK TO ME! I DON'T... I DON'T KNOW WHAT...



WELA!



PLEASE! I NEED HELP!!! ANYONE?! IS THERE--

P-PETE...

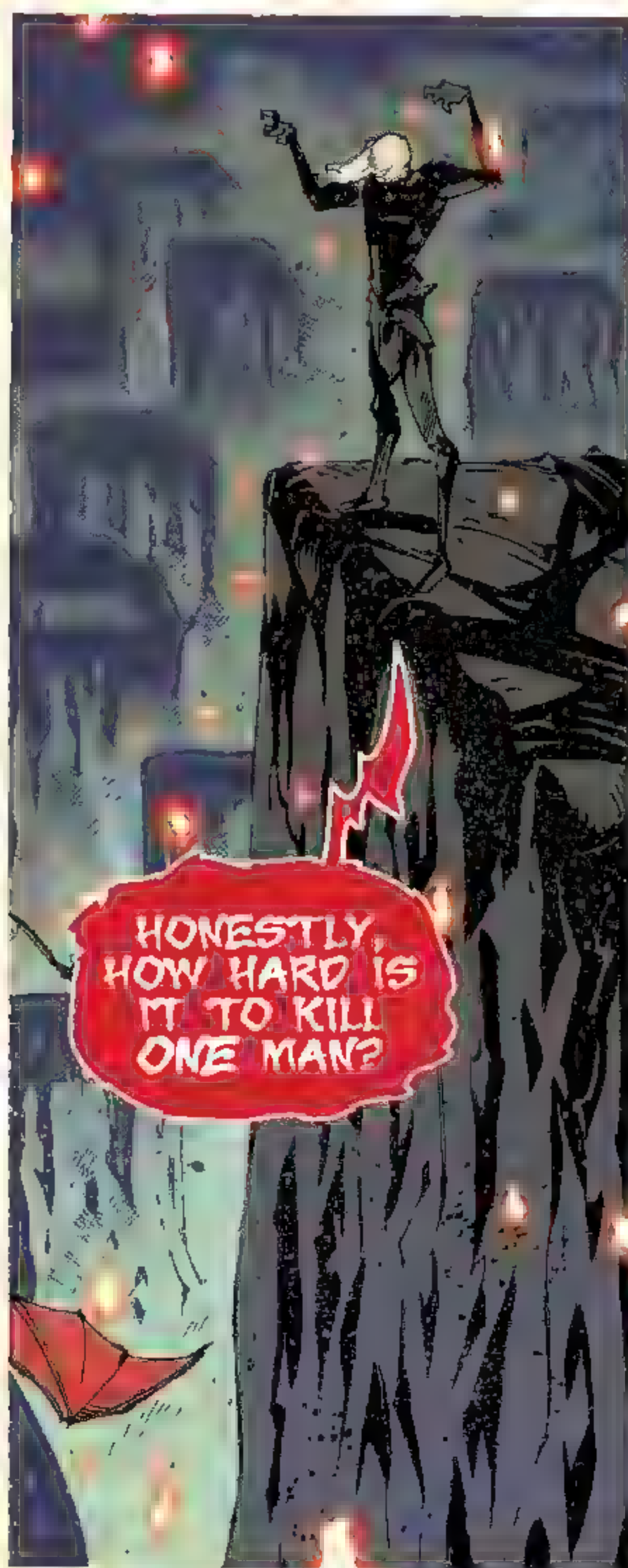


DYLAN.

P-PROMISE ME...Y-YOU...



SIGH

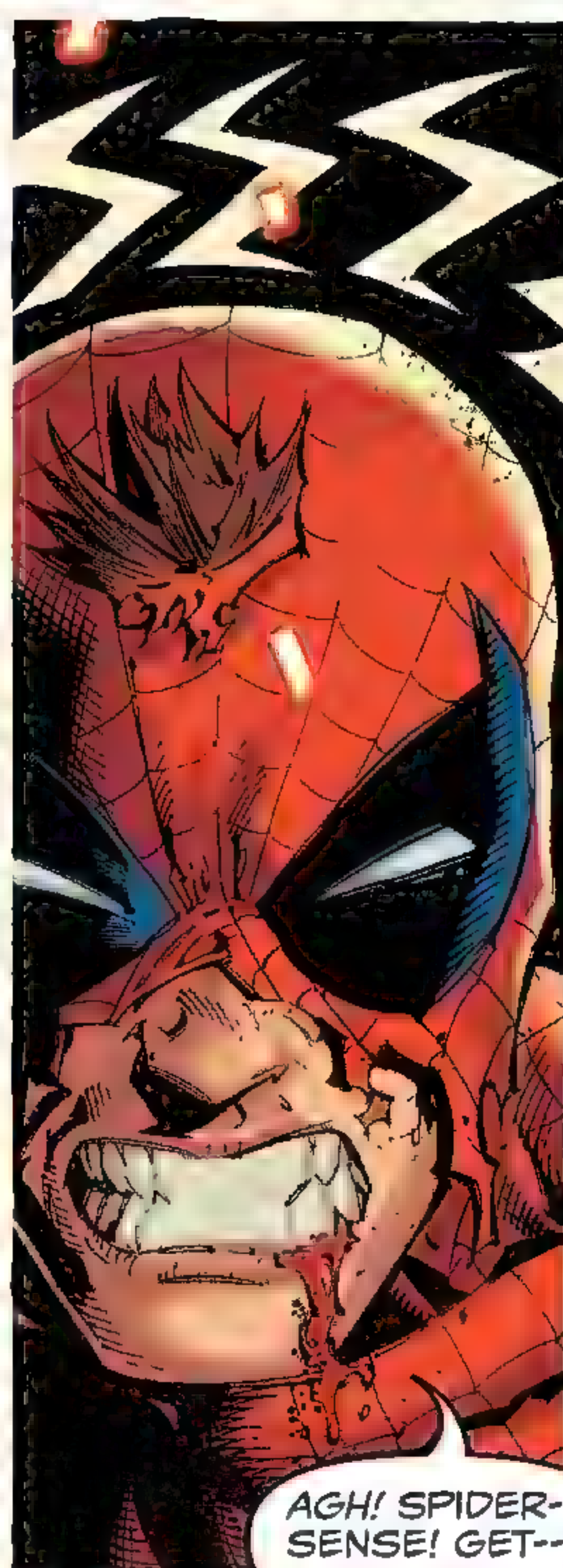


HONESTLY,
HOW HARD IS
IT TO KILL
ONE MAN?

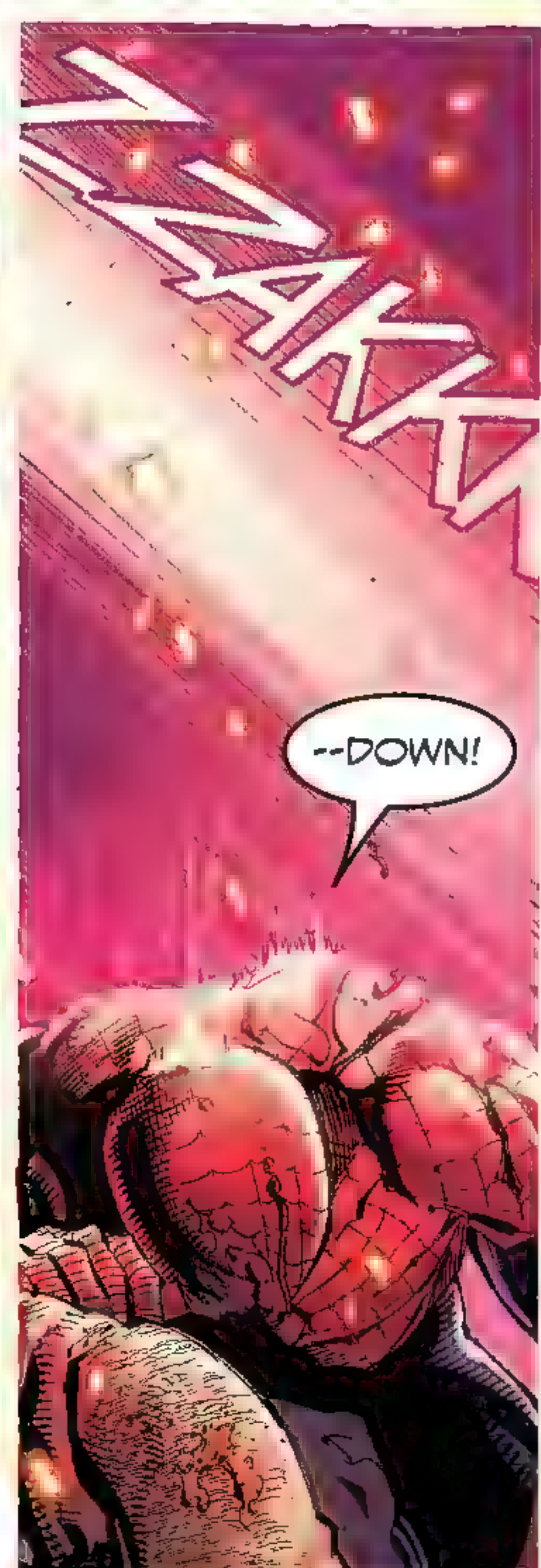


AGHHHH!!

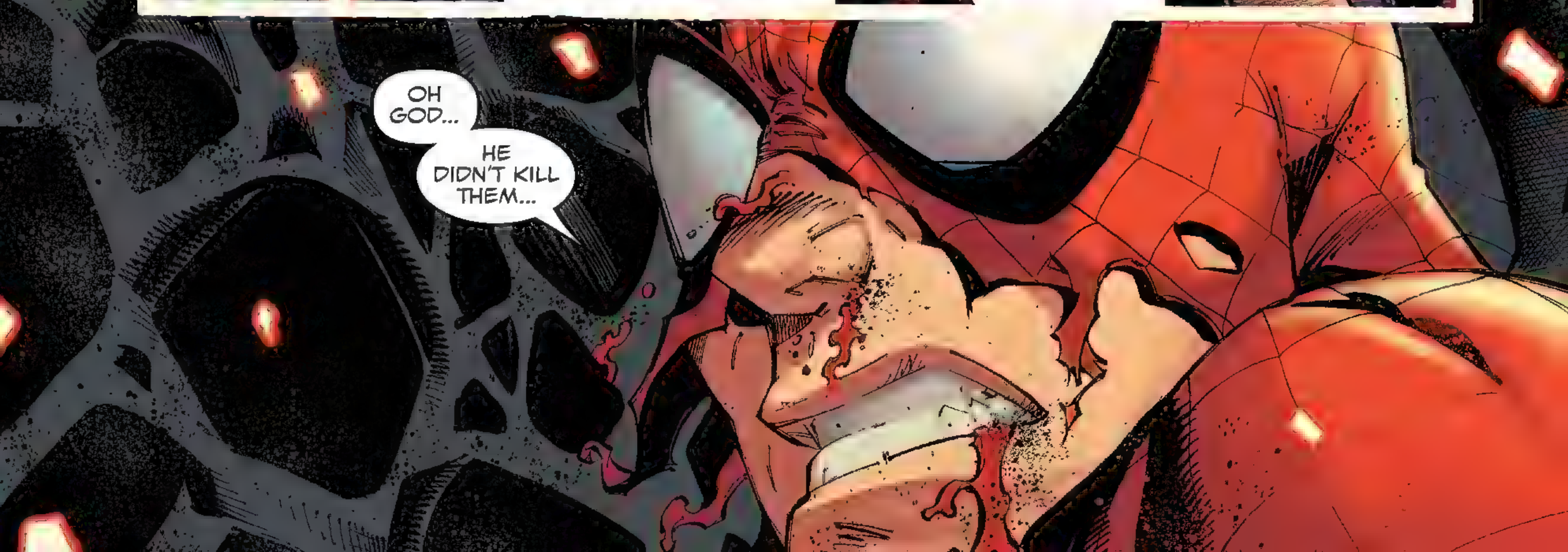
I KNOW IT
HURTS, BUT WE GOTTA
GET YOU HELP. THERE'S
NO ONE ELSE. KNULL...
HE TOOK THEM. HE KILLED
THEM, EDDIE! NOW,
COME ON, WE GOTTA--



AGH! SPIDER-
SENSE! GET--



--DOWN!



OH
GOD...

HE
DIDN'T KILL
THEM...



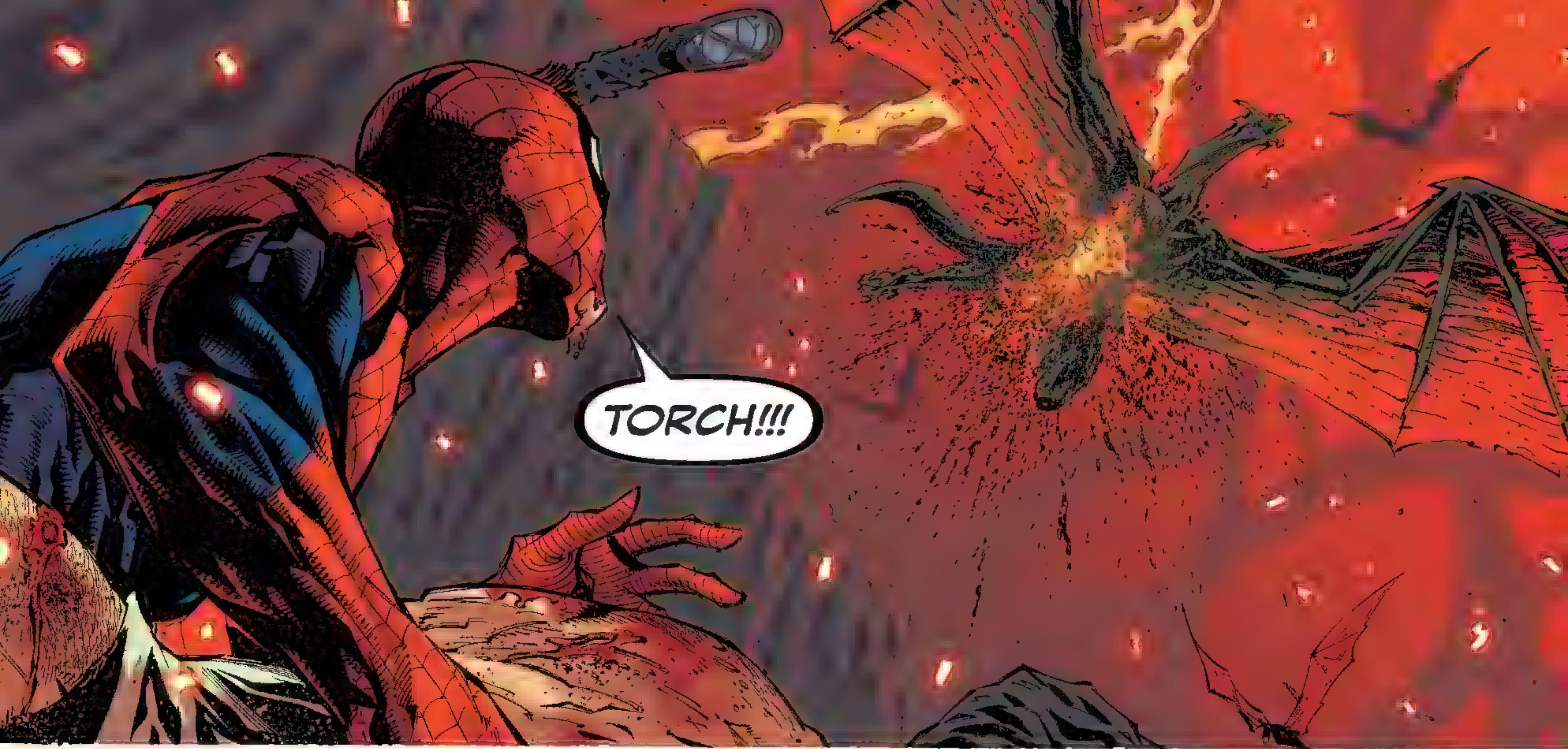
...HE MADE
THEM HIS
ARMY.



AGH!
OKAY...
WE--WE GOTTA
GO! WE CAN'T FACE
THEM, AND NO ONE
ELSE IS...



...COMING?



TORCH!!!



HIYA, SPIDEY.

GET EDDIE HELP. TAKE HIM TO THE FF LAB.

I GOT THIS.



FIRE DOESN'T HURT THEM THE SAME WAY, JOHNNY!

DON'T BE STUPID! COME WITH US AND--



GOOD. THEN MY NOVA BLAST WON'T HURT THE PEOPLE TRAPPED INSIDE.



BUT IT'LL GIVE YOU ENOUGH TIME TO GET OUT OF HERE.



JOHNNY, YOU CAN'T! YOU'LL PASS OUT AFTERWARD, AND THEY'LL TAKE YOU TOO--

I KNOW.



SO HEY, PETE. DO ME A FAVOR AND TELL EVERYONE I SAID SOMETHING COOL AND HEROIC BEFORE I FELL, YEAH?

"I KINDA HAVE
A REPUTATION
TO MAINTAIN."



SO I'VE
HEARD THE FRANKLY
DIRE DIAGNOSES. YOU'VE
TOLD ME EVERYTHING THAT'S
FRACTURED AND BROKEN
AND SHATTERED AND
RUPTURED AND
DISLOCATED...



THE HOME BASE AND LABORATORY OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR.

...NOW'S THE
PART WHEN YOU
TELL ME HOW WE
FIX HIM, RIGHT,
DOC?

DOC?



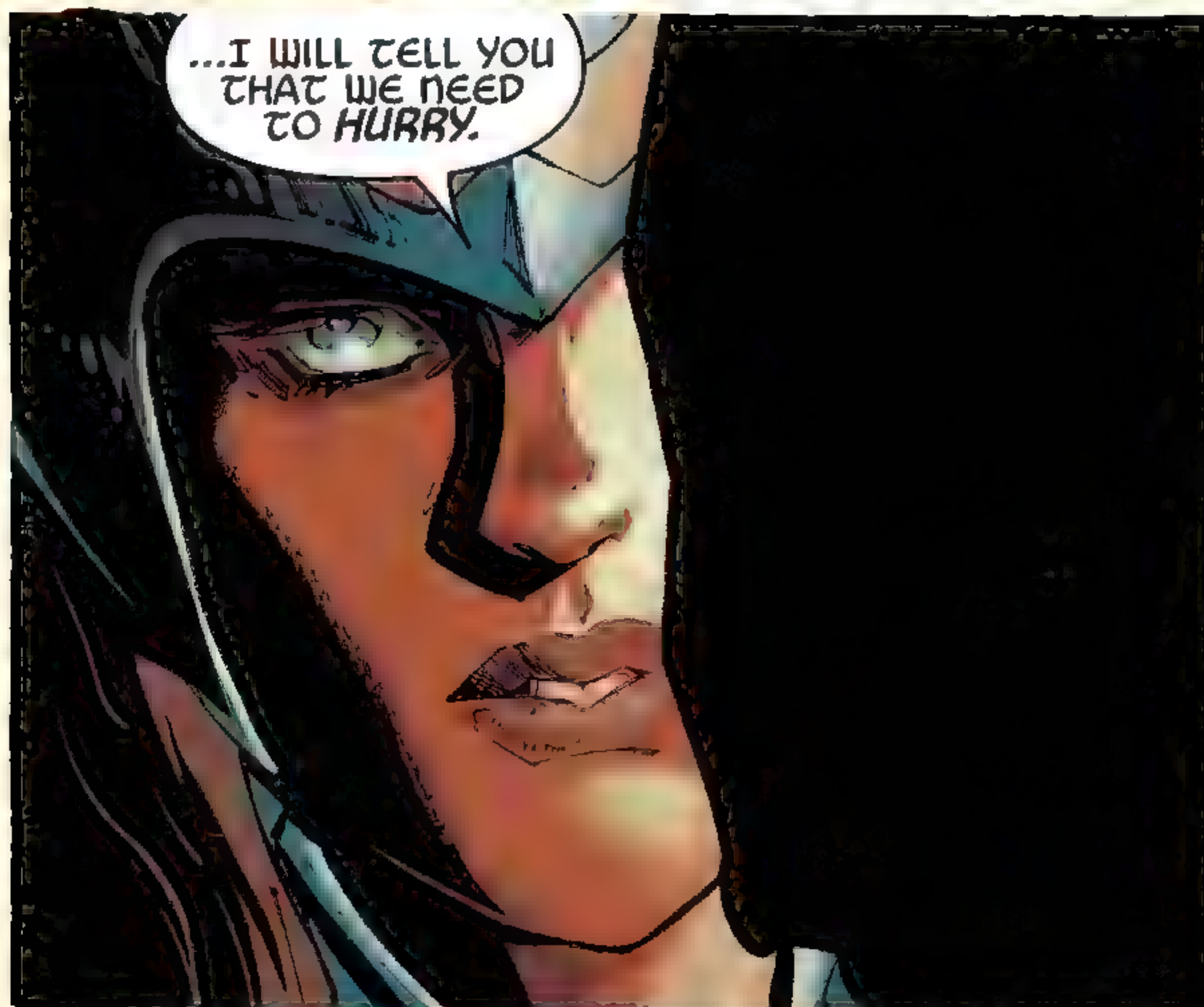
LISTEN TO ME. I KNOW YOU KNOW
OF MY OTHER LIFE AS JANE FOSTER.
BUT IN THIS ROLE, AS **VALKYRIE**, I
HAVE A...WELL, A GIFT...I SUPPOSE,
THAT TELLS ME HOW NEAR A
PERSON IS TO DEATH.



AND WHILE
I CAN'T TELL
YOU HOW WE CAN
FIX YOUR
FRIEND...



...I WILL TELL YOU
THAT WE NEED
TO **HURRY**.



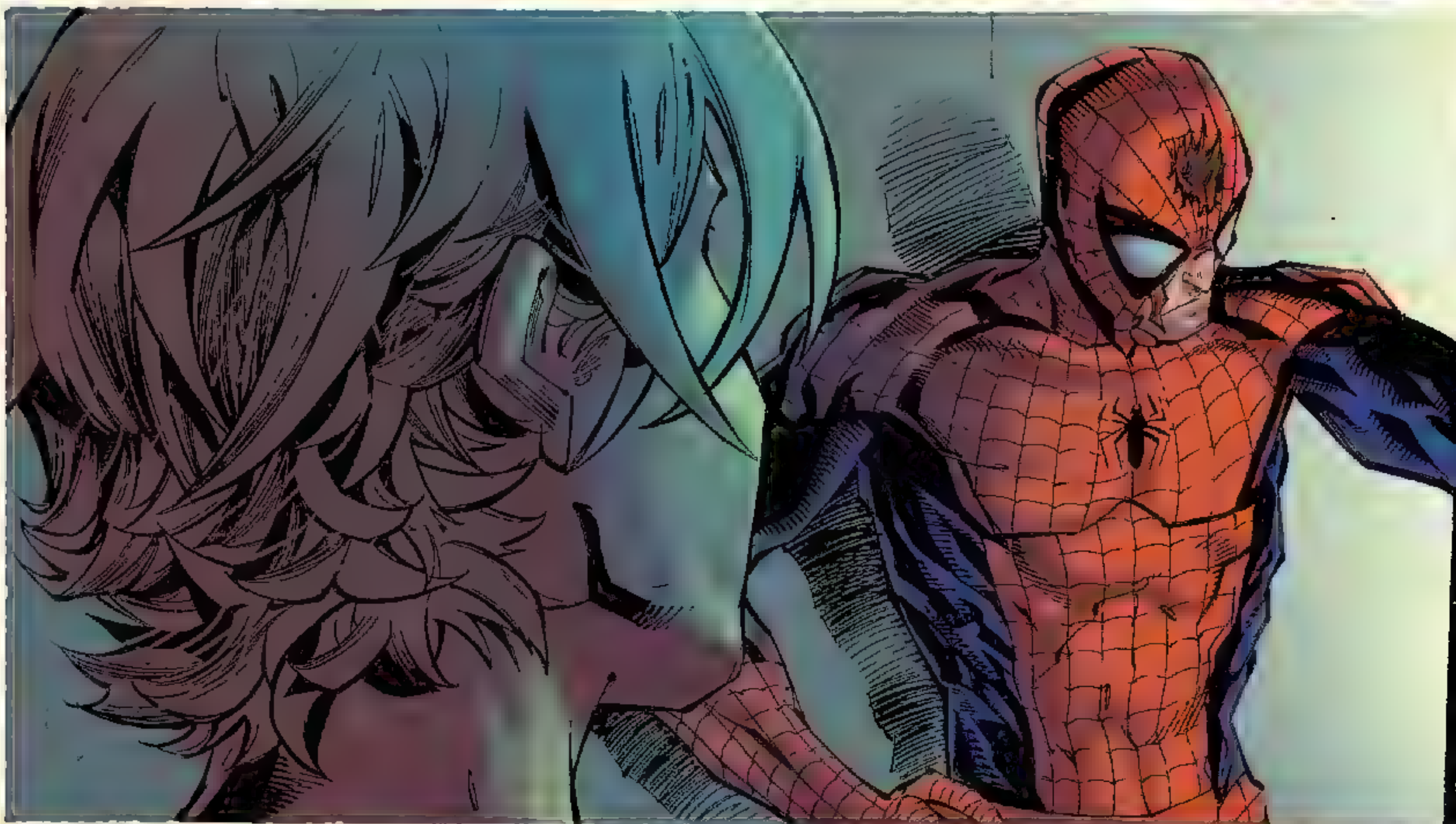
OKAY...WELL, JUST--I DON'T
KNOW... DO WHAT YOU
CAN...

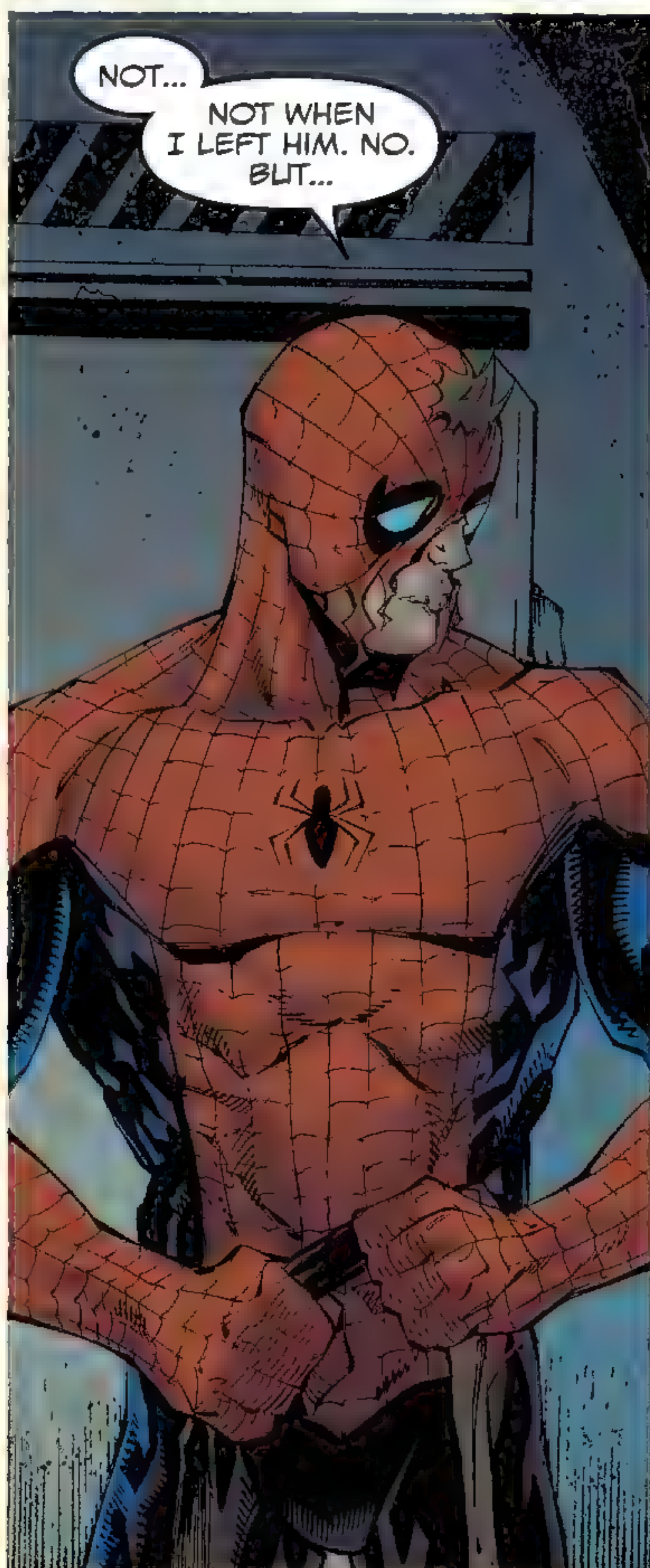
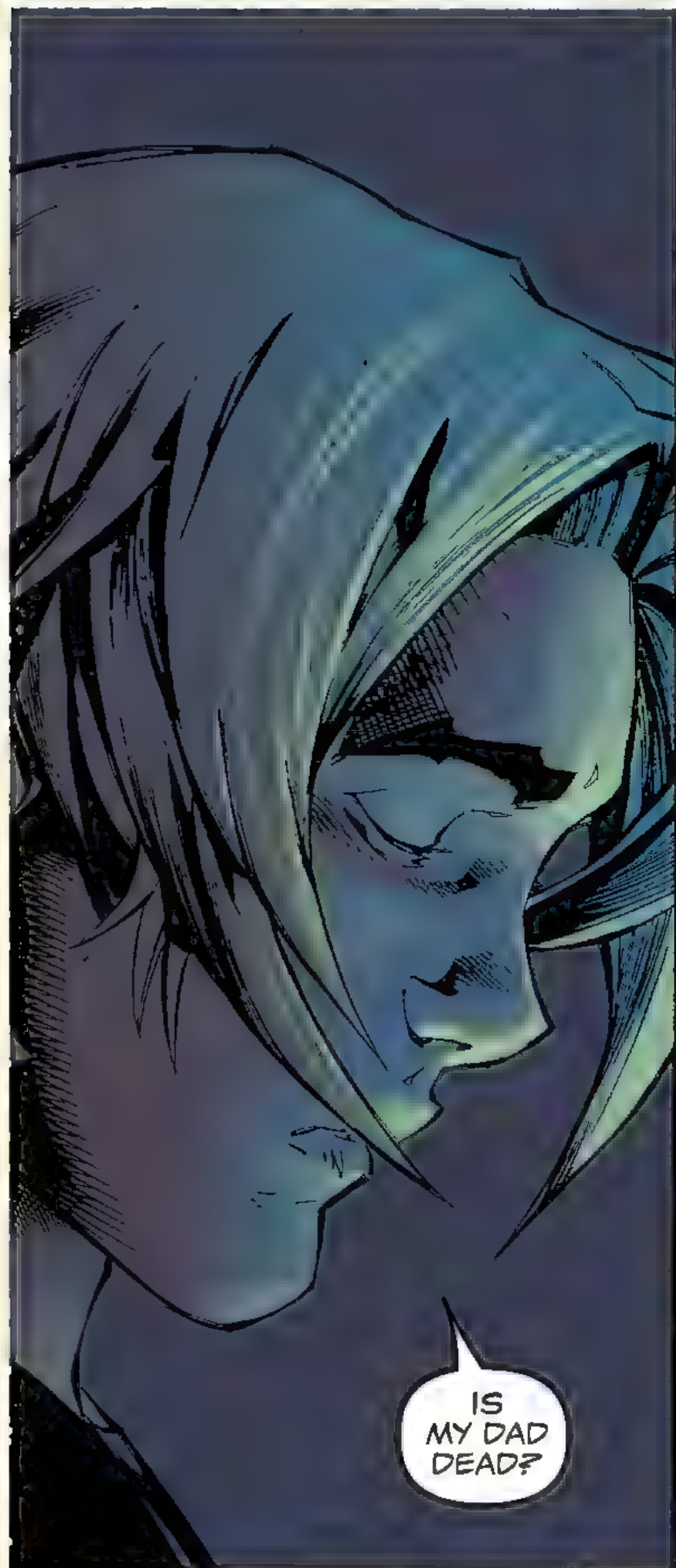
I'M
SORRY, BUT
I CANNOT STAY.
I WILL SOON BE
NEEDED ELSEWHERE...
THE SENTRY'S
SOUL. IT IS MY
DUTY TO--

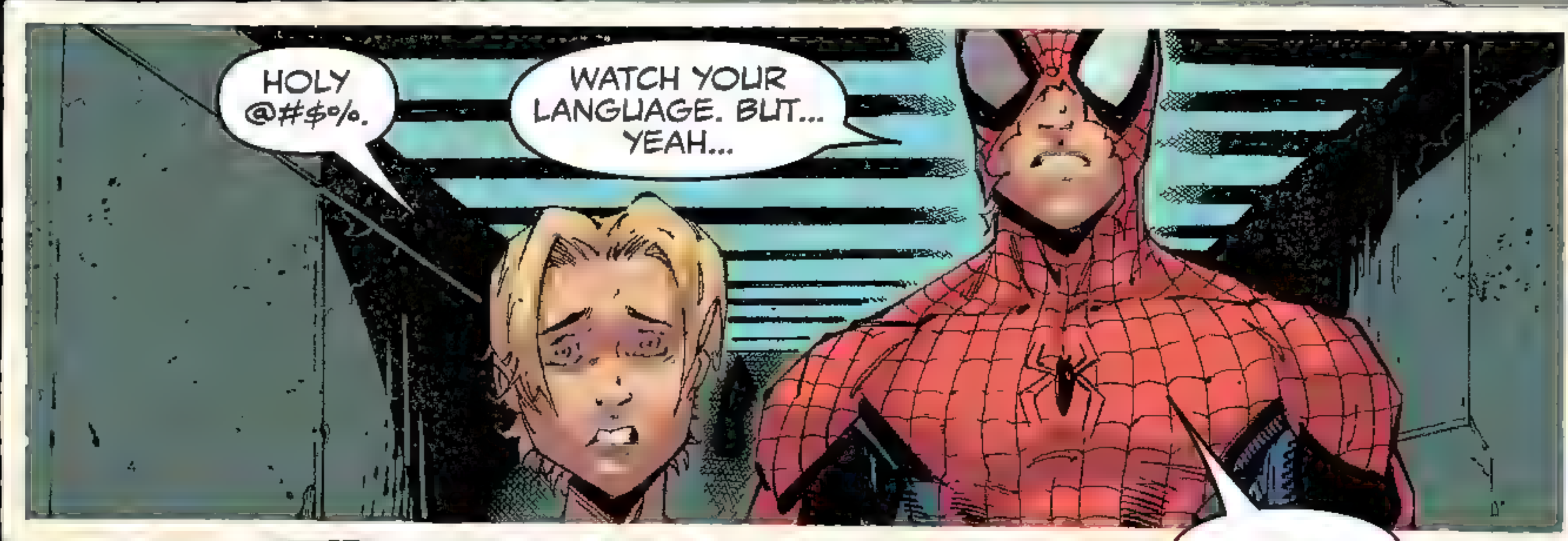
YEAH...WELL, I
HAVE A JOB TO
DO TOO. LET'S
JUST HOPE WE
BOTH COME
BACK TO
SOME GOOD
NEWS...



"...BECAUSE
I'M SURE AS
HELL GOING
TO NEED IT."







HOLY @#&%.

WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE, BUT... YEAH...

...AGREED.

COULSON IS ALREADY REACHING OUT TO ENLIST THE SQUADRON AND DOCTOR SPECTRUM. SO WE HAVE THAT MOVING INTO--

WHERE THE HELL IS THOR? HAS ANYONE--

NOTHING YET. I MEAN, THAT I KNOW OF.

LISTEN, WE HAVE NOTHING BUT MORE BODIES FOR KNULL AND HIS ARMIES UNLESS THE X-MEN--

WE HAVE ALREADY LOST TOO MANY OF OUR KIND HELPING YOU, BLADE. NOW, WE CAN HELP FORMULATE A PLAN TOGETHER, BUT--

ARE YOU INSANE? YOU KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE YOU COULD SAVE IF YOU JUST OPENED YOUR GATES AND--

LEAD AN INFINITE ARMY OF DARKNESS INTO OUR LANDS? TO OPEN OUR BORDERS SO THAT OUR PEOPLE CAN--

THERE IS NO "YOUR PEOPLE" ANYMORE, MAGNETO! THIS THING IS COMING FOR EVERYONE!



HEY, LIM. QUICK QUESTION...



NOT TO INTERRUPT YOUR BIG, SUPER-SECRET MEETING BUT...

IS THERE ANY NEWS ON EDDIE?

IS HE... IS HE GOING TO BE OKAY?



NO. NO CHANGE, BUT...WE'RE WORKING ON IT. WE ARE STILL VERY MUCH UNDER ATTACK, AND IF WE CANNOT GET THIS SPREAD UNDER CONTROL WE WON'T BE ABLE TO--

ON THAT NOTE...

OBTAINING YOU WILL HAVE THE FULL MIGHT OF WAKANDA AT YOUR BACK...

...BUT WHAT OF THE INFINITY STONES? THE COSMIC CUBE? THE ULTIMATE NULLIFIER? WHAT DO WE HAVE ON HAND THAT COULD--



WHOA... HEY, ARE WE REALLY DISCUSSING BRINGING THIS KIND OF FIREPOWER ONTO THE BOARD? I MEAN, THIS IS JUST ONE GUY.

HE WAS THE FIRST BEING BORN IN THE VOID.

HE'S KILLED CELESTIALS. HE KILLED THE SENTRY AND NOW HE'S TAKEN ALMOST ALL THE AVENGERS AND DROWNED THE WORLD IN DARKNESS...

SO YES, I THINK WE SHOULD TAKE THE KING OF THE ABYSS SERIOUSLY.

THE "KING OF THE ABYSS," EH?



ADORABLE.



SIGH-

MAN,
WHO INVITED
NAMOR?



SUE?

GET PAST
IT. WE NEED
HELP.

CAN...WE
SPEAK IN PRIVATE
FOR A--



MY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN FIGHTING
IN THE FREEZING DARK FOR
MILLIONS OF YEARS.



YOU
ALL JUST
STARTED.

AND
YOU ARE
LOSING.

THE MAJORITY OF THIS PLANET BELONGS
TO ME. SO IF THIS KING WANTS A WAR,
HE WILL HAVE ONE.

I AM HERE.
MY PEOPLE ARE
HERE. WE WILL
FIGHT.

NOW, DO
ANY OF THE
ADULTS IN THE
ROOM ACTUALLY HAVE
ANYTHING TO OFFER
IN THE WAY OF
A PLAN?





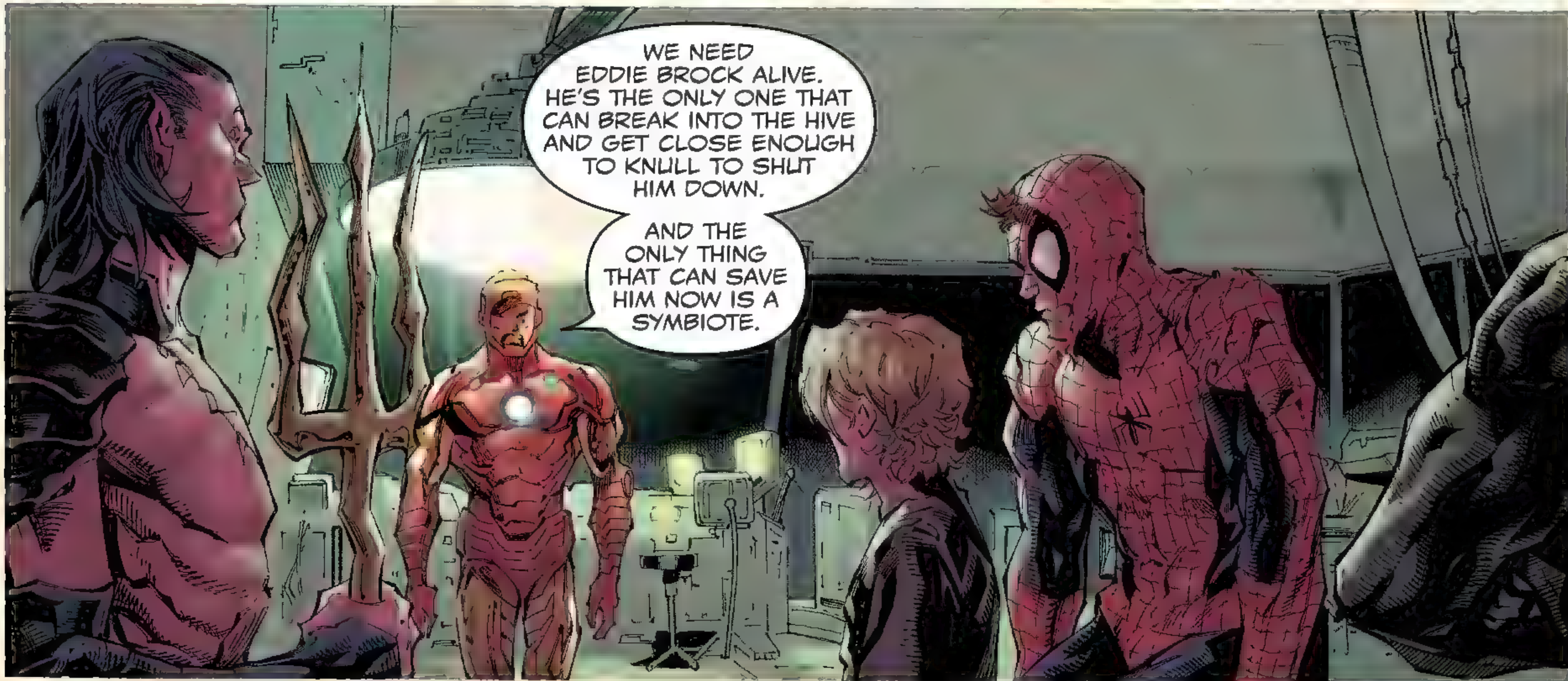
I DO.



YOU'RE GOING TO HATE IT.

AND IT'S INSANE.

AND I'M GOING TO NEED A DRAGON.



WE NEED EDDIE BROCK ALIVE. HE'S THE ONLY ONE THAT CAN BREAK INTO THE HIVE AND GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO KNULL TO SHUT HIM DOWN.

AND THE ONLY THING THAT CAN SAVE HIM NOW IS A SYMBIOTE.



SO I'M GOING TO GET US ONE.



OKAY, I FOLLOW, BUT AREN'T THERE A MILLION OF THOSE THINGS? WHY DO YOU NEED ONE OF THE DRAGONS?

DYLAN, ISN'T YOUR CAT A SYMBIOTE?

THE DRAGONS ARE STRONGER. REMEMBER WHEN CARNAGE BONDED TO ONE? HE WAS ALMOST INVULNERABLE...

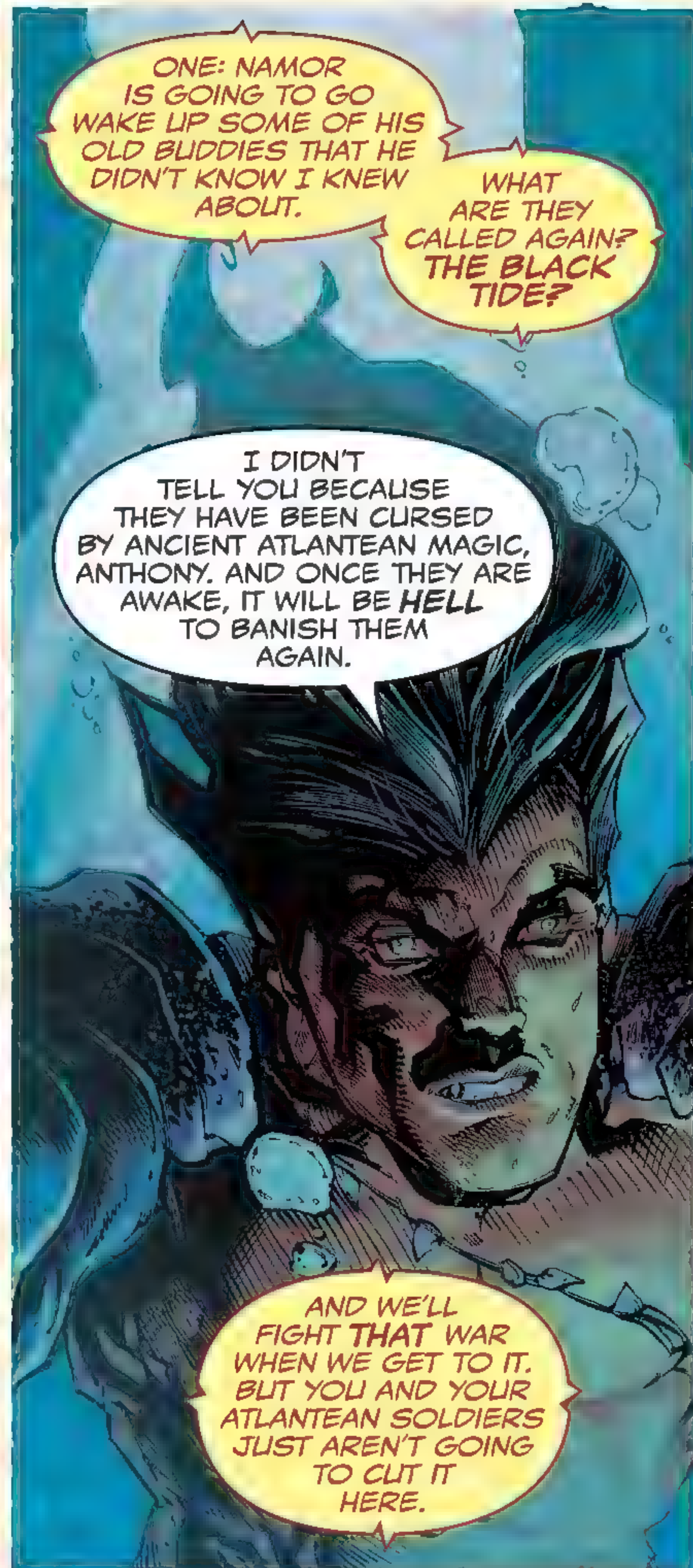
IRON MAN, IF YOU CAN CONTROL ONE, IF YOU CAN BOND IT TO MY DAD...



EXACTLY.

AND IN THE MEANTIME...I HAVE A FEW OTHER IDEAS...

THE BOTTOM OF THE MARIANA TRENCH.



ONE: NAMOR IS GOING TO GO WAKE UP SOME OF HIS OLD BUDDIES THAT HE DIDN'T KNOW I KNEW ABOUT.

WHAT ARE THEY CALLED AGAIN? THE BLACK TIDE?

I DIDN'T TELL YOU BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN CURSED BY ANCIENT ATLANTIAN MAGIC, ANTHONY. AND ONCE THEY ARE AWAKE, IT WILL BE HELL TO BANISH THEM AGAIN.

AND WE'LL FIGHT THAT WAR WHEN WE GET TO IT. BUT YOU AND YOUR ATLANTIAN SOLDIERS JUST AREN'T GOING TO CUT IT HERE.



YOU SAID IT YOURSELF, BIG GUY...

...WE NEED AN ARMY THAT CAN FIGHT IN THE DARK.

CHERNOBYL, UKRAINE.



SPEAKING OF WHICH... BLADE?

HOW'S IT GOING WITH THE FANG BRIGADE?

OH, THEY'RE VERY COOPERATIVE.

EAGER, ONE MIGHT SAY...



WOULDN'T YOU AGREE...



...DRACULA?

THE BAR WITH NO NAME.



OKAY, GUYS. THIS LAST ONE IS GONNA STING...

...BUT HAS ANYONE GOTTEN ON THE LINE WITH OUR DULY ELECTED MAYOR?

LOOK, I HEAR YA, LOOT. SEEMS LIKE THIS ##%& HAPPENS ALL THE TIME NOW. IT'S JUST...I DON'T KNOW, MAN. FEELS REALLY BAD THIS TIME.

LIGH. REMEMBER WHEN THE HEROES JUST ALL FOUGHT EACH OTHER? THOSE WERE THE DAYS, MAN...



LADIES. GENTLEMEN...



...WHO WANTS TO MAKE SOME MONEY?

WE'RE WORKING ON IT HERE, TONY. WHAT'S YOUR STATUS?

LIKE I SAID, REED, PRIORITY NUMBER ONE IS GETTING BROCK BACK IN THE FIGHT.

I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M SAYING THIS, BUT IF WE'RE GOING TO STAND A CHANCE OUT HERE...

...WE'RE GOING TO NEED VENOM.

CHOMP

TONY?! TONY, I'M LOSING YOU!

I'M HERE! I HAVE TO BREAK THIS THING'S CONNECTION TO ITS HIVE.

LUCKILY...

ESSENTIALLY, I HAVE TO REWRITE ITS DNA. BREAK IT DOWN AND REBUILD IT SIMULTANEOUSLY.

RASH

THAT'S EXACTLY WHY I INVENTED EXTREMIS.

REEEE!

IT--IT'S WORKING! IT'S-- IT'S TALKING TO ME! WAKING UP!

I'M--I'M ALMOST THROUGH! DAMMIT--REED, THIS IS--

TONY?!

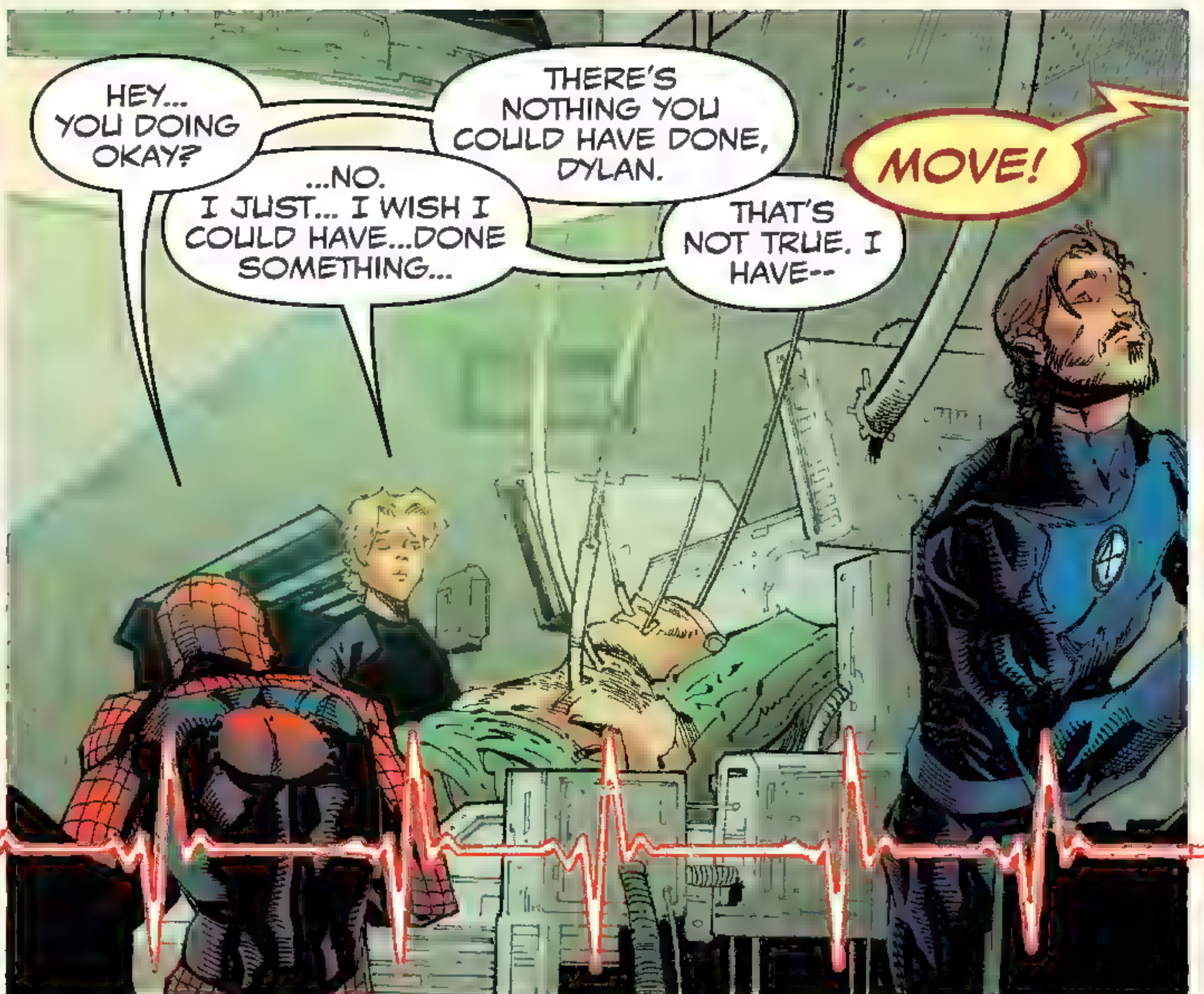
SYSTEMS OVERLOAD
OPERATING SYSTEM OVERLOAD
OPTICAL FAILURE

--TOO MUCH! MILLIONS OF VOICES! ALL OF THEM...IN...SO MUCH PAIN! I-I CAN SEE IT ALL!!! IT'S--



--ME,
DAD. IT'S
DYLAN...

CAN...
CAN YOU HEAR
ME?



HEY...
YOU DOING
OKAY?

...NO.
I JUST... I WISH I
COULD HAVE...DONE
SOMETHING...

THERE'S
NOTHING YOU
COULD HAVE DONE,
DYLAN.

THAT'S
NOT TRUE. I
HAVE--

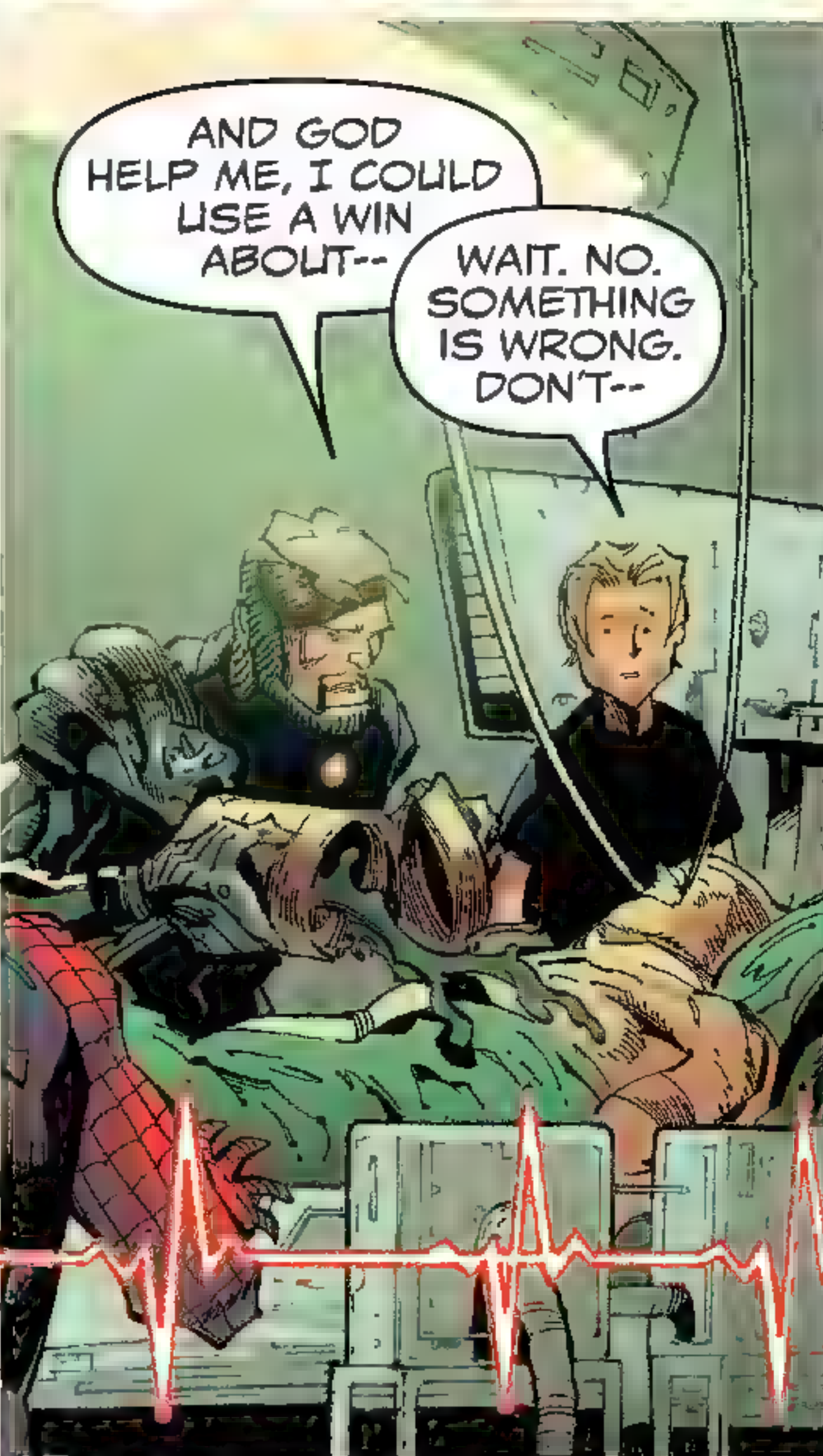
MOVE!



IRON
MAN!

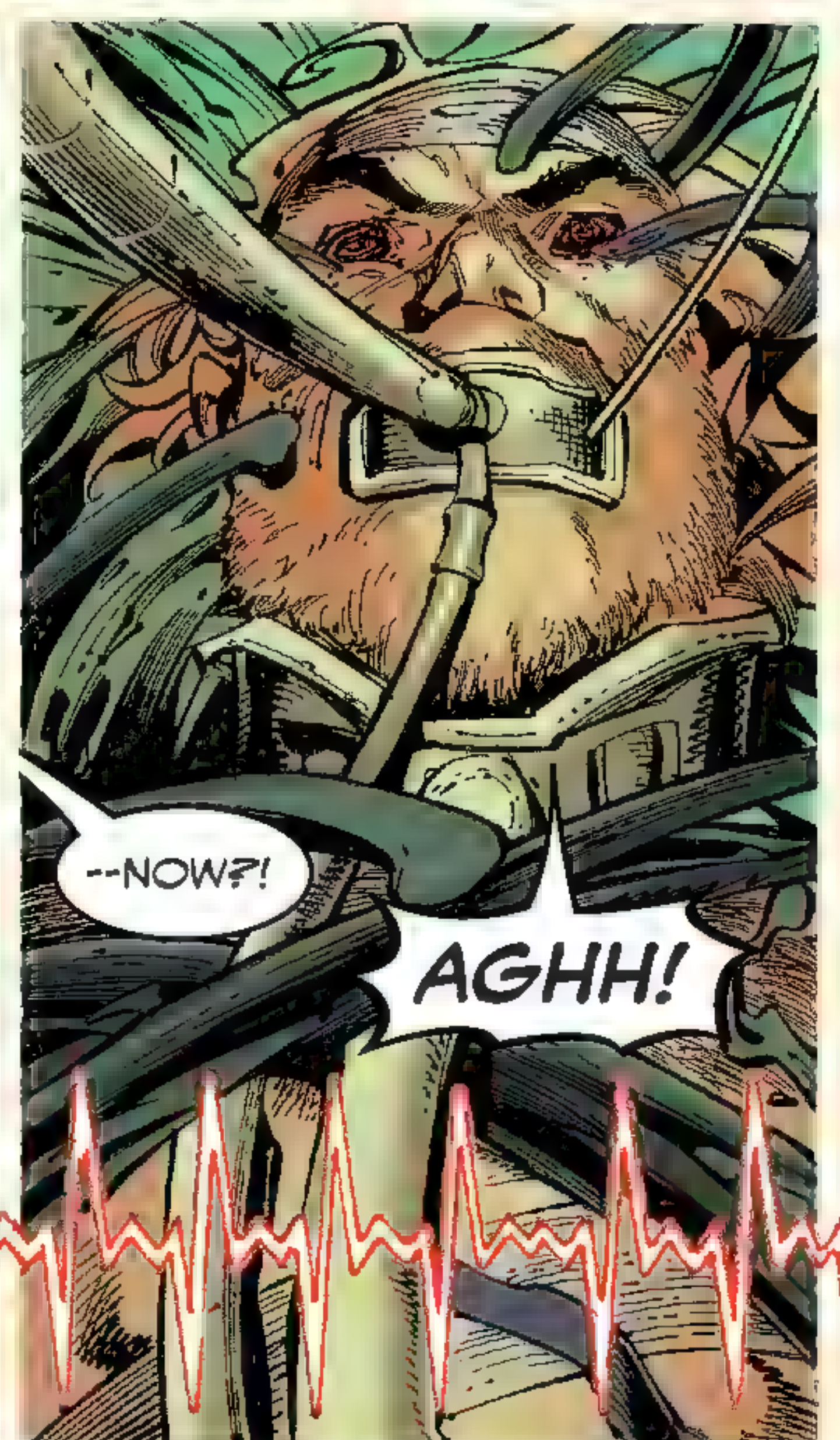
I DON'T
KNOW HOW LONG
IT'LL TAKE FOR KNULL
TO OVERWHELM MY
REPROGRAMMING,
BUT I DID IT.

I GOT
ONE.



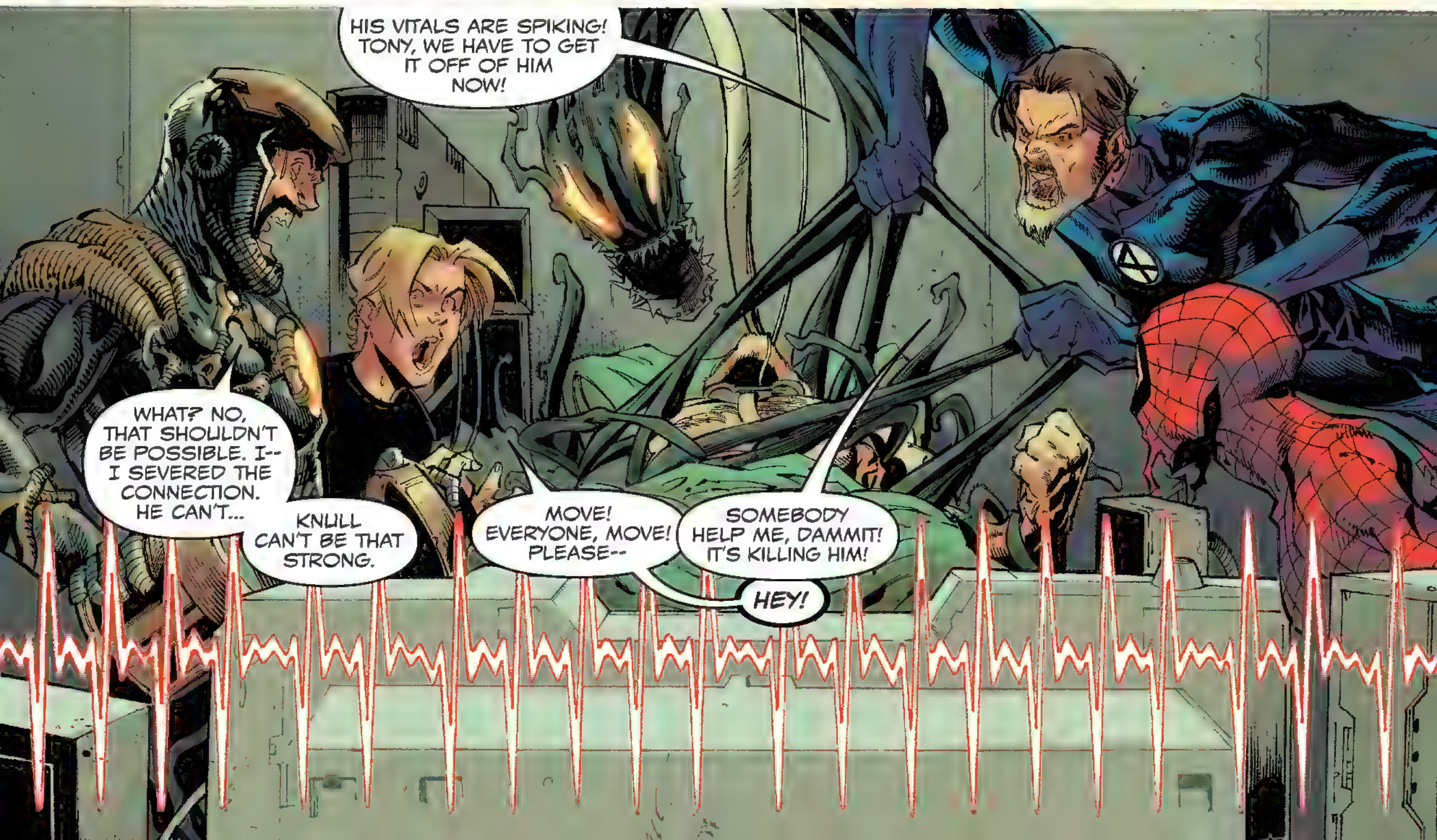
AND GOD
HELP ME, I COULD
USE A WIN
ABOUT--

WAIT. NO.
SOMETHING
IS WRONG.
DON'T--



--NOW?!

AGHH!



HIS VITALS ARE SPIKING!
TONY, WE HAVE TO GET
IT OFF OF HIM
NOW!

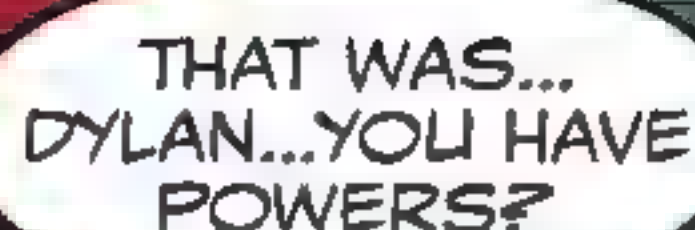
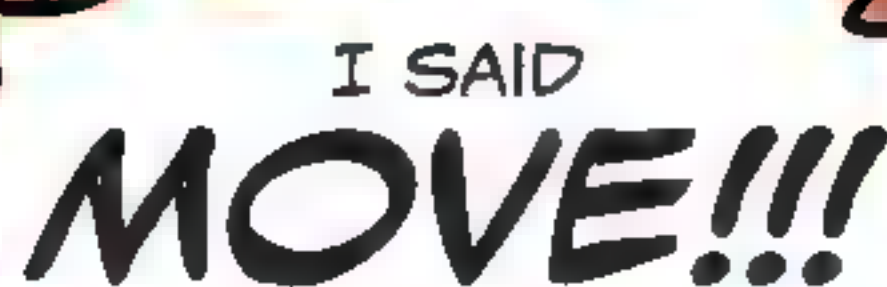
WHAT? NO,
THAT SHOULDN'T
BE POSSIBLE. I--
I SEVERED THE
CONNECTION.
HE CAN'T...

KNULL
CAN'T BE THAT
STRONG.

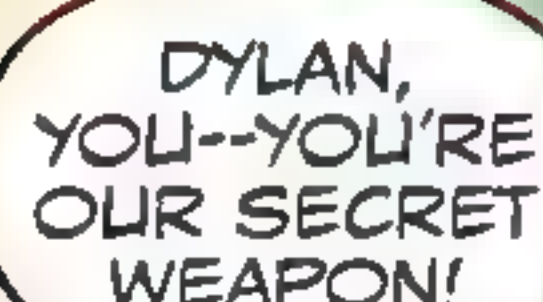
MOVE!
EVERYONE, MOVE!
PLEASE--

SOMEBODY
HELP ME, DAMMIT!
IT'S KILLING HIM!

HEY!

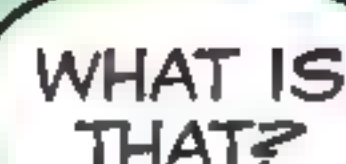


YOU--YOU
ATOMIZED IT WITH...
WITH A--A THOUGHT...
DO YOU KNOW WHAT
THIS MEANS?



DON'T
YOU SEE? WITH
YOUR POWER,
WE CAN SAVE
OUR FRIENDS--
AND THE
WORLD!

DYLAN, YOU
ARE INCREDIBLE!
THIS IS... MY GOD,
THIS IS--



REED...

WHAT
IS THAT
NOISE?



WHAT?!
I WAS
SIMPLY--

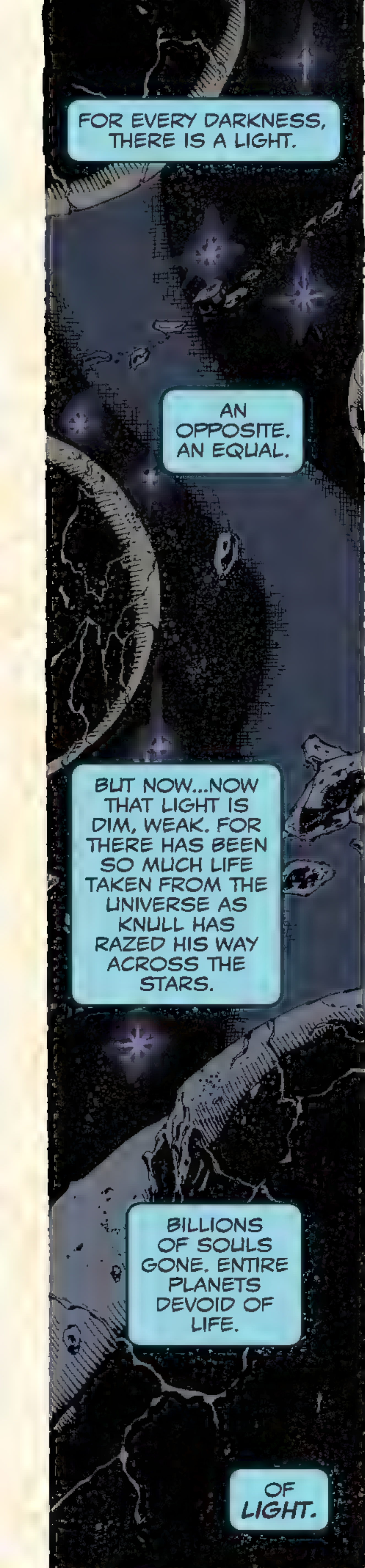
HONEY,
LOOK







CHAPTER THREE
THUNDER



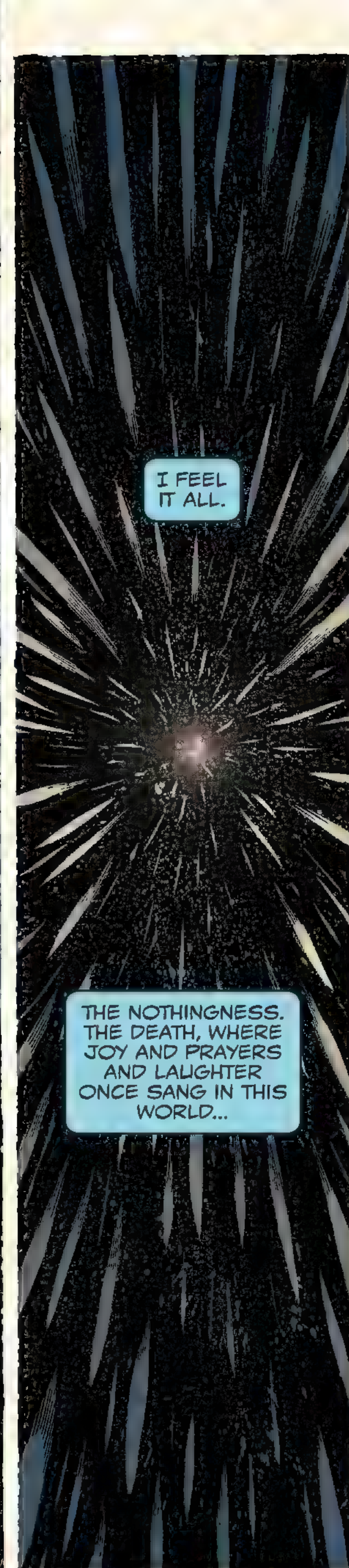
FOR EVERY DARKNESS,
THERE IS A LIGHT.

AN
OPPOSITE.
AN EQUAL.

BUT NOW...NOW
THAT LIGHT IS
DIM, WEAK. FOR
THERE HAS BEEN
SO MUCH LIFE
TAKEN FROM THE
UNIVERSE AS
KNULL HAS
RAZED HIS WAY
ACROSS THE
STARS.

BILLIONS
OF SOULS
GONE. ENTIRE
PLANETS
DEVOID OF
LIFE.

OF
LIGHT.



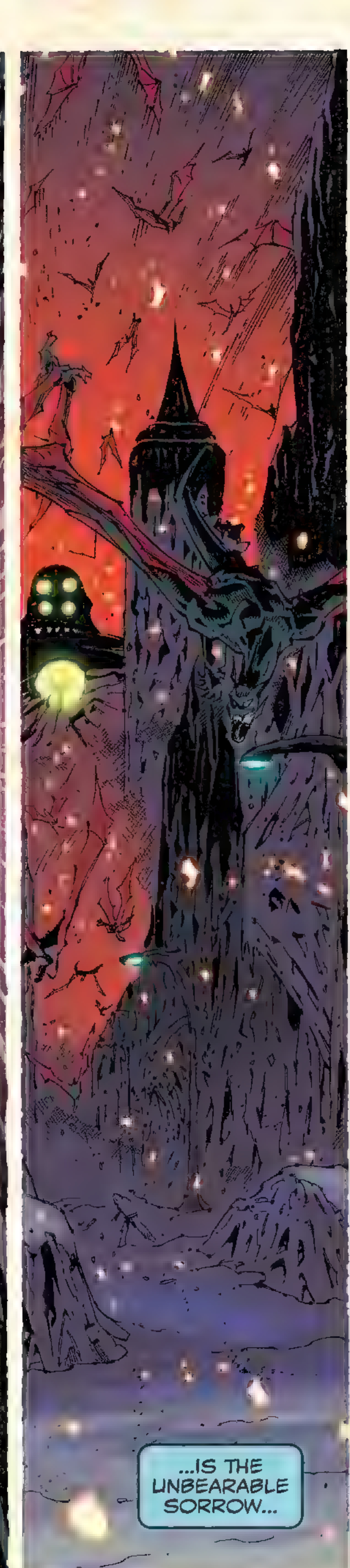
I FEEL
IT ALL.

THE NOTHINGNESS.
THE DEATH, WHERE
JOY AND PRAYERS
AND LAUGHTER
ONCE SANG IN THIS
WORLD...

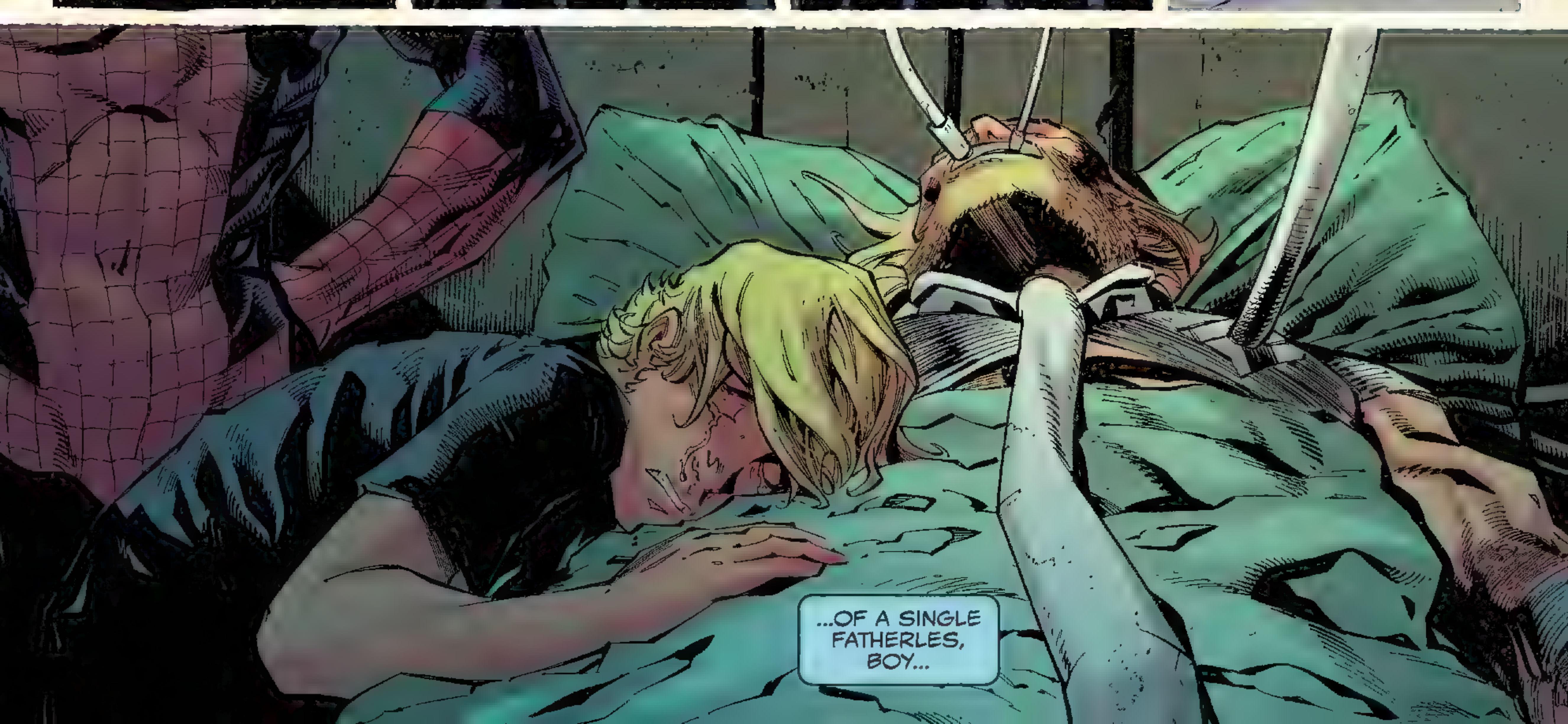


BUT
ABOVE IT
ALL...

...RINGING OUT TO
MY SENSES LIKE
A GREAT SIREN
ABOVE A RAGING,
STORMING SEA...



...IS THE
UNBEARABLE
SORROW...



...OF A SINGLE
FATHERLES,
BOY...

...SURROUNDED BY A ROAR OF DEATH, ECHOING ACROSS THE BLACK CANYONS OF A CHOKING WORLD.

REED! WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING NOW IF WE'RE GOING TO DO IT! THERE'RE ONLY SO MANY OF THESE THINGS THAT BLADE AND HIS VAMPIRE ARMY CAN HOLD BACK!

I CAN'T KEEP THESE SHIELDS UP FOREVER! WHAT IS--

THOK

INCREDIBLE. I RECOVERED THIS DRIVE GIVEN TO EDDIE FROM A MAN NAMED WRAITH.* THIS INFORMATION IS ENCRYPTED BEYOND ANYTHING I'VE SEEN, BUT IT SEEMS TO LINE UP WITH WHERE DYLAN'S ENERGY COMES FROM...

IT'S AS IF IT'S...PULLING FROM SOMETHING. SOMETHING NOT FROM THIS WORLD. ITS SIGNATURE IS FAMILIAR SOMEHOW, BUT I CAN'T--

*BACK IN WEB OF VENOM: WRAITH! --EDITOR

REED!!!
NOW!

RIGHT.



YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS. IF YOU SAY NO, I PROMISE I WILL SUPPORT YOU IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GO OUT THERE.



OKAY. IT'S TIME. WE ALL HAVE OUR MISSIONS. ABOVE ALL, **PROTECT DYLAN.**

WOLVERINE AND SPIDER-MAN WILL ESCORT DYLAN OUT ALONG WITH BLADE AND THE VAMPIRES AFTER I BLOW THE DOORS OPEN.

HE'S THE KEY TO FREEING OUR ALLIES AND THEN...THE WORLD.

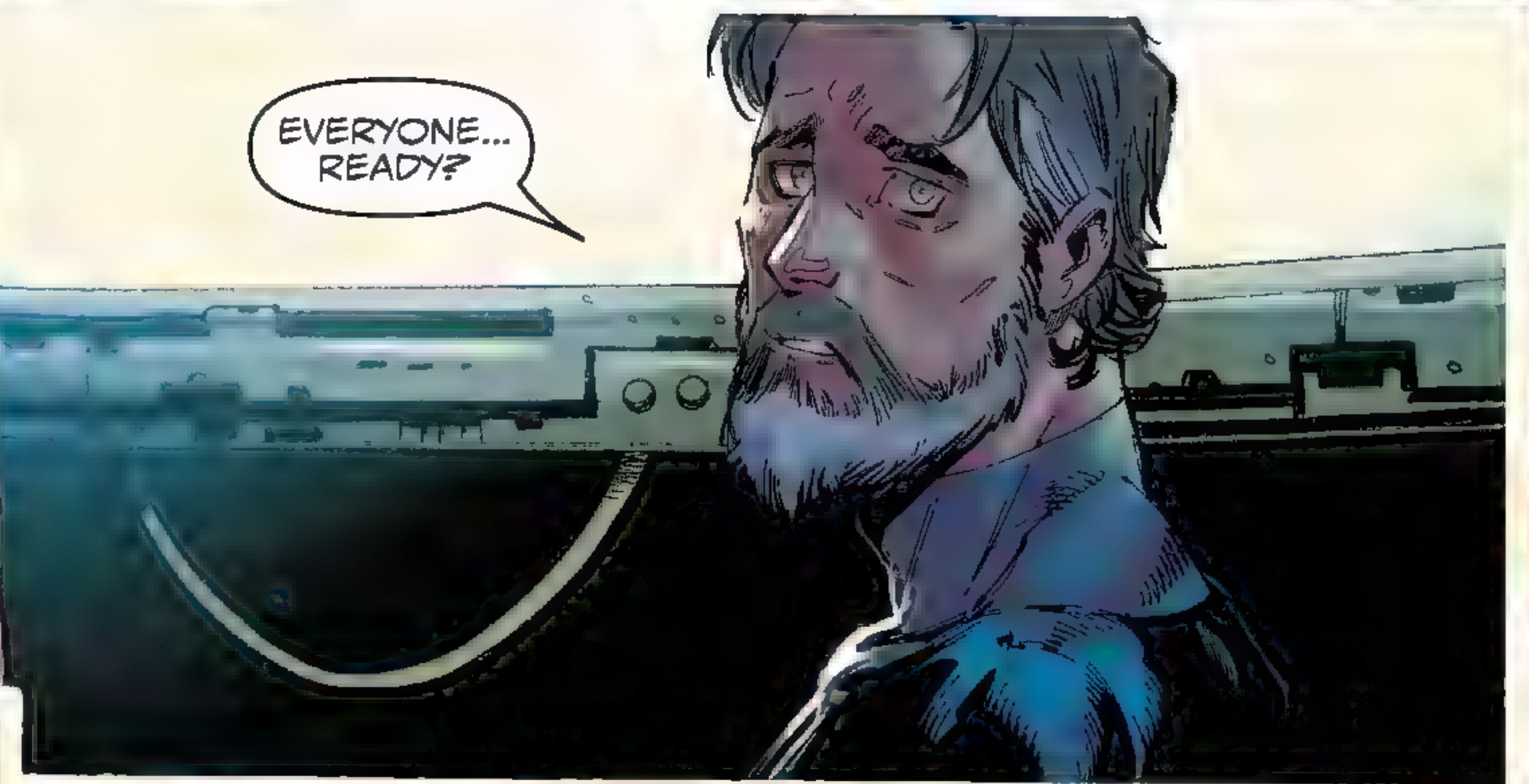
I'VE GIVEN YOU ALL COMMS EARPIECES. BUT XAVIER? SHOULD... YANCY STREET FALL?

OKAY, THEN...

YES. I WILL KEEP US ALL CONNECTED.



EVERYONE... READY?



HEY... DO YOU NEED A--

I NEED...

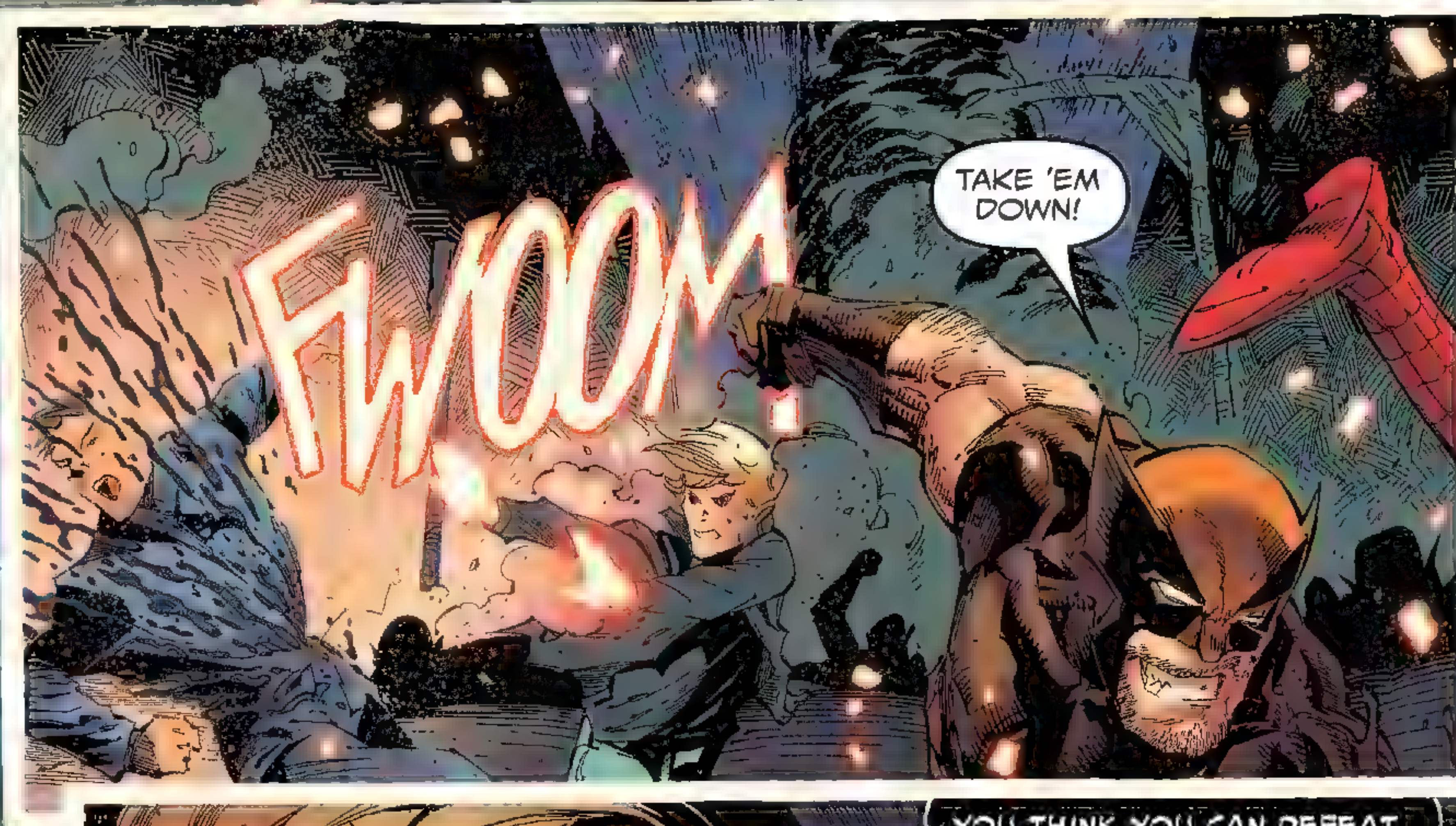


...TO HURT SOMETHING.

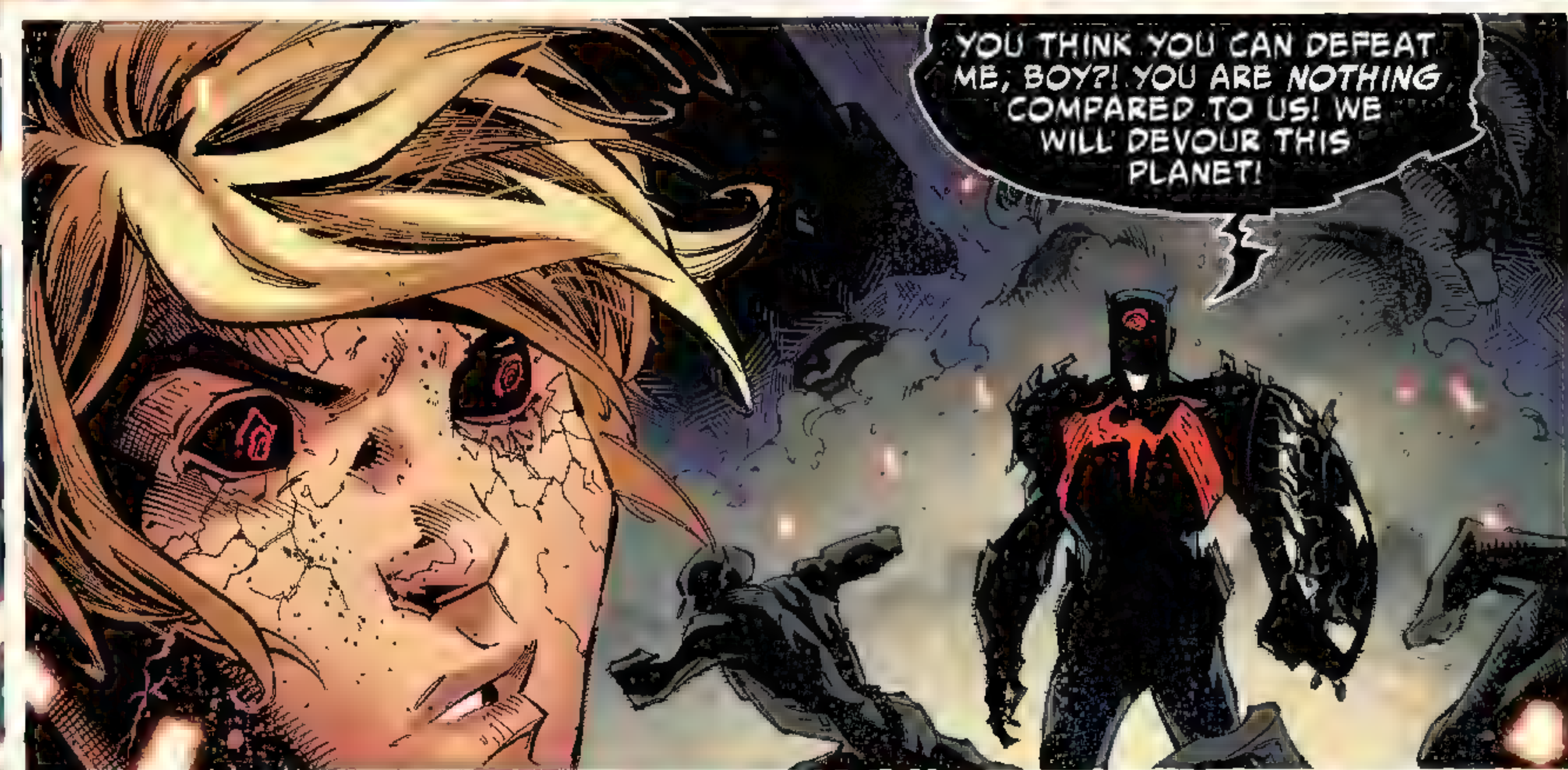
BOOM

EVERYONE
ON ME, REMEMBER,
MOST OF THESE THINGS
ARE INNOCENT PEOPLE
TRAPPED INSIDE, BUT UNTIL
DYLAN CAN FREE THEM
AND GET THEM TO
SAFETY--

WAY
AHEAD OF YA,
WEB-HEAD...



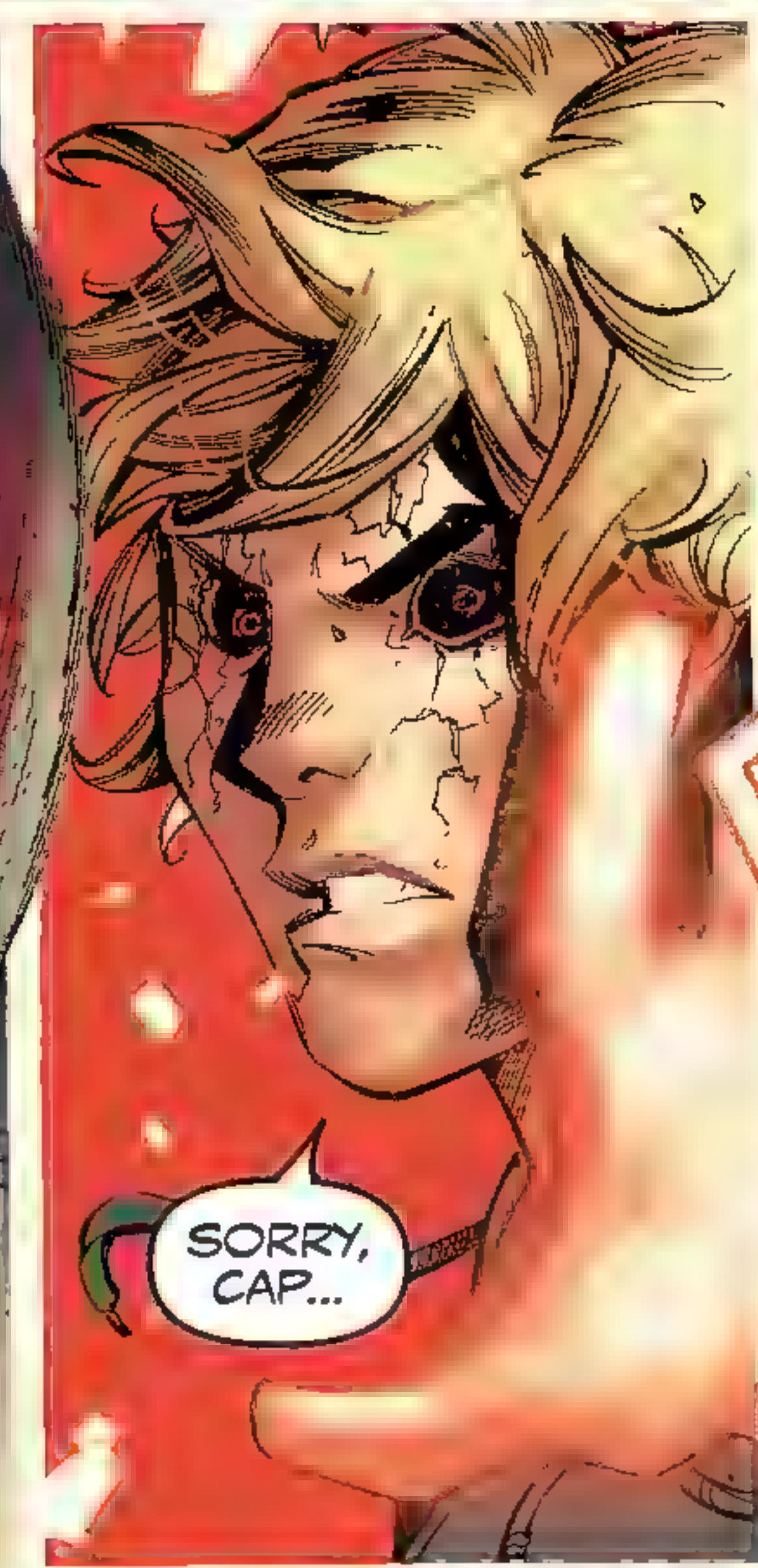
TAKE 'EM
DOWN!



YOU THINK YOU CAN DEFEAT
ME, BOY? YOU ARE NOTHING
COMPARED TO US! WE
WILL DEVOUR THIS
PLANET!



AND NOTHING
WILL STOP
US!



SORRY,
CAP...



...GONNA
NEED TO BORROW
THIS.

CACH



RAGHHH!

I KNOW
YOU'RE IN THERE,
KNULL.

I KNOW
YOU'RE CONNECTED
TO CAP.

I HOPE
YOU CAN FEEL
THIS!



AND
I HOPE IT
HURTS!



AGH!



AH,
I SEE...
FINALLY...



THERE
YOU ARE
CHILD.

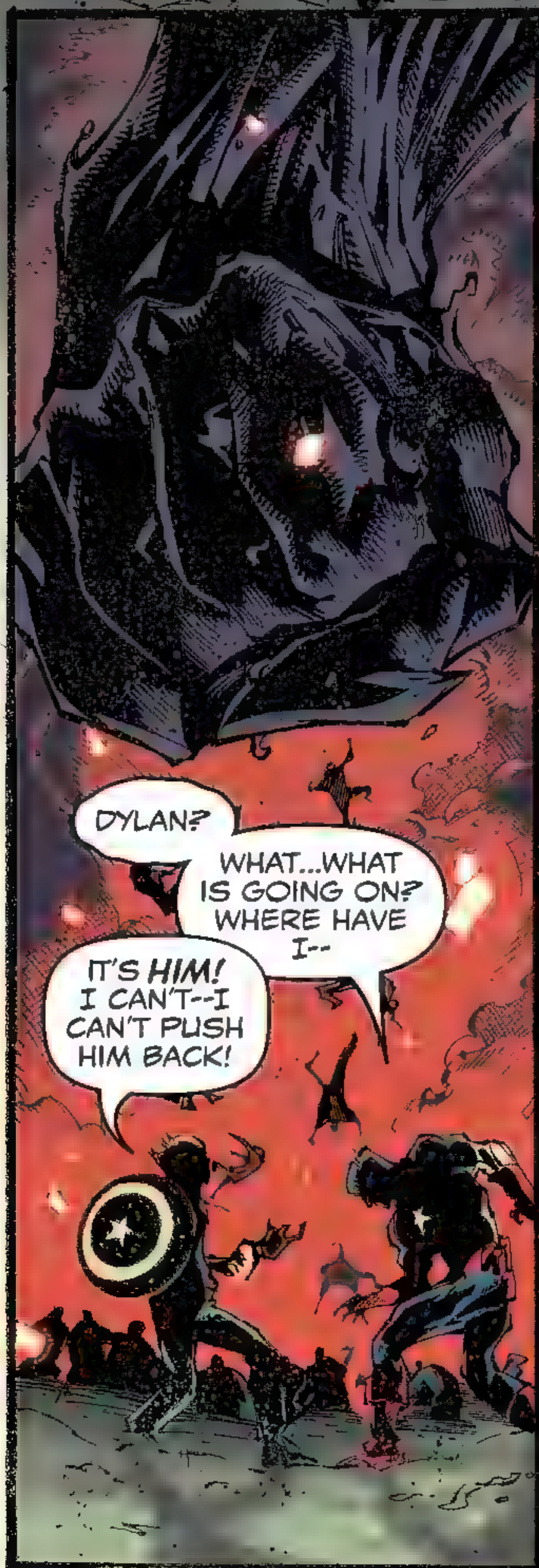


UH...
GUYS?

I THINK
I PISSED HIM
OFF!

-KAFFKAFF-

W-WHERE...



DYLAN?

WHAT...WHAT
IS GOING ON?
WHERE HAVE
I--

IT'S HIM!
I CAN'T--I
CAN'T PUSH
HIM BACK!



I'M
SORRY!!!



AGH!

NO!
THAT...THAT
POWER...
FAMILIAR...
BUT...BUT
HOW?!

WHA...
WHO
COULD...



IT'S CALLED
LIGHTNING.

YOU WOULD DO
WELL TO BECOME
ACCUSTOMED TO
IT, VILLAIN.

YOU MUST BE DYLAN.
I AM THOR.

HOW
MAY I BE OF
SERVICE?

JUST HAVE MY
BACK. I CAN
DO THIS.

LITTLE
THUNDER
WOULD HELP
TOO.

AYE.
THAT...I CAN
PROVIDE.



FOR EVERY
DARKNESS,
THERE IS A
LIGHT.

AN OPPOSITE.
AN EQUAL.

THEY BATTLE, THOR
AND THE CHILD OF
VENOM.

I CAN FEEL THEM
AS I RACE NEARER.

I CAN FEEL
THEM, BEATING THE
DARKNESS BACK
WITH EVERY BREATH
IN THEIR LUNGS...

KNOWING THAT
THEY WILL FALL.

THAT THEY
WILL LOSE.

AND THERE...
LORDING OVER
ALL OF IT...

KNULL.

BLEEDING WITH
EVERY BLOW
DEALT BY THESE
TWO WARRIORS
OF THE LIGHT...



AND
YET...

YOU!!!



...THE VOID KING
RISES ONCE MORE.

DYLAN...

BEHIND
ME...



SO YOU'VE FINALLY
DECIDED TO SHOW
YOUR FACE AND
STOP HIDING,
AYE?

YOU'RE
THE ONE THEY
CALL **KNULL**, YES?
I RECALL HALF-
DRUNKENLY KILLING
ONE OF YOUR
DRAGON PETS
ONCE.



YES. I REMEMBER.
BUT YOU...LITTLE
GOD...

YOU KILLED
ONE OF MY
CHILDREN...BUT YOU
HAVE NEVER FACED
ME. NEVER FACED
ANYTHING LIKE
ME.

I AM
THE GOD OF
THE VOID. KING
OF THE ABYSS.
I AM--

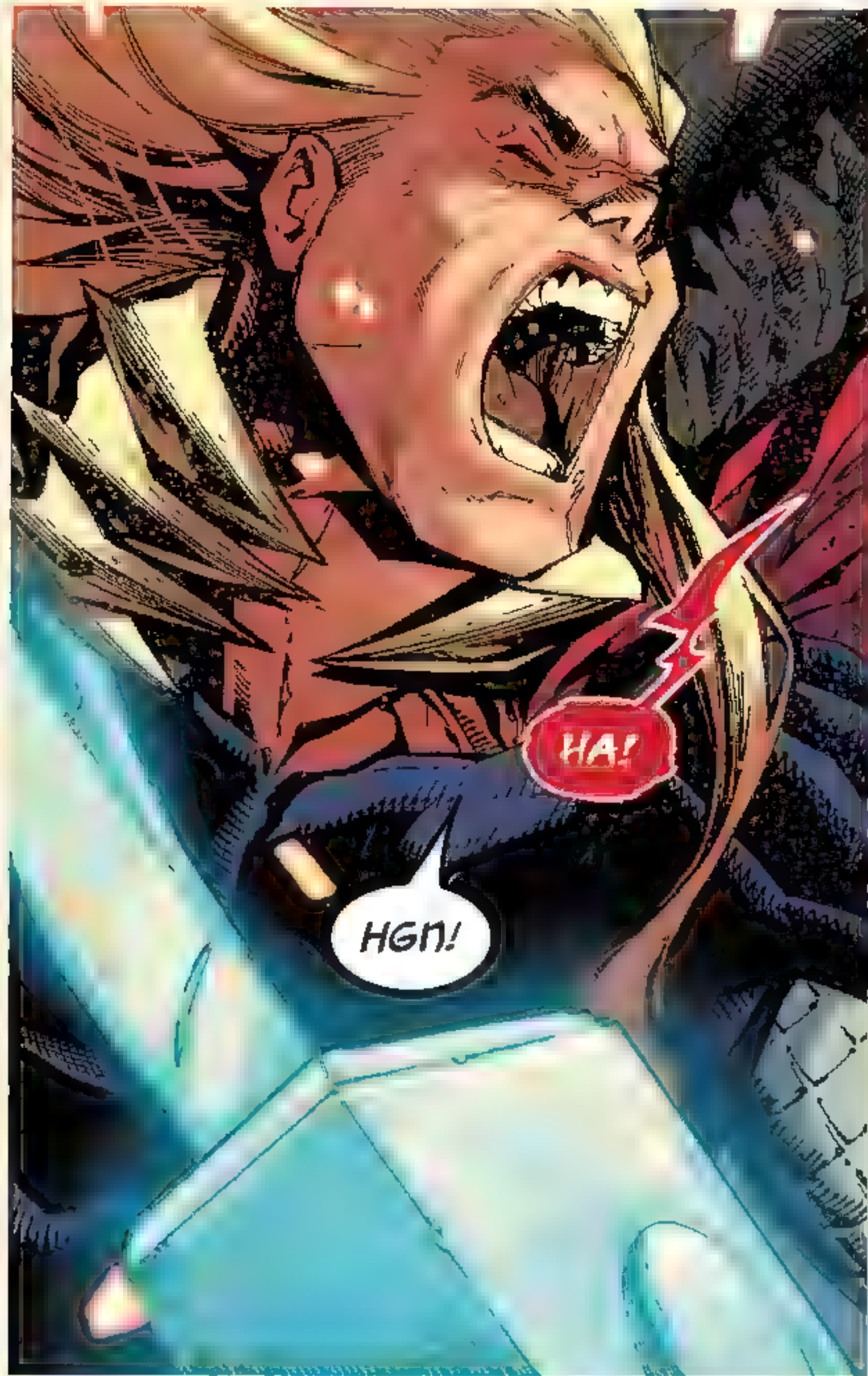


QUIET. I AM THE LAST PERSON YOU
WILL EVER IMPRESS WITH YOUR PITIFUL
TITLES, SO YOU MAY AS WELL
STOP NOW.

SO YOU'RE
A GOD...AND
A KING.



GOOD
FOR YOU.



I'VE HAD QUITE
ENOUGH OF YOUR
INSOLENCE.

N-NO!

I WANT
YOU TO
SEE...

...SEE YOUR
HEROES FLAIL
AND DIE.

WATCH
AS THEY ARE
CONSUMED BY MY
HORDES...

WHUD

...JUST
AS YOU SHALL
BE.

N-NO!!!
GET OFF!!!

I--I CAN'T CONTROL
THEM!

THERE'RE...
TOO MANY...

I...

GET. OFF!

KRAK

HA!

...I'M
SORRY...



DON'T
YOU SEE?
THIS WORLD...
IS MINE.

YOU
CANNOT STOP
ME.



NAY!

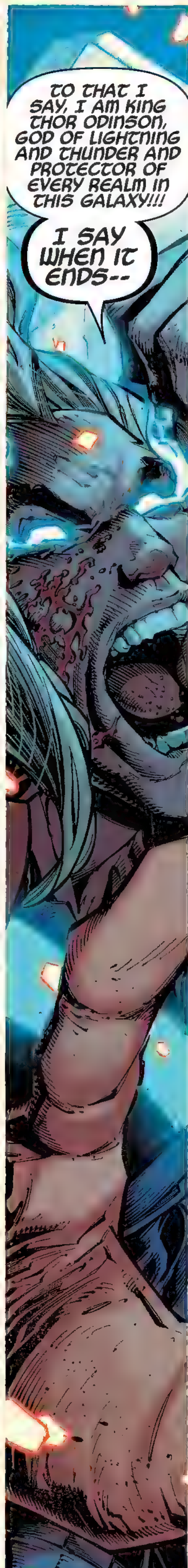


MIDGARD
IS UNDER MY
PROTECTION,
AS ARE ALL THE
REALMS OF
THE WORLD
ASH!



I HAVE
KILLED HUNDREDS
LIKE YOU!!! ALL OF
THEM CLAIMED TO
BE THE ONE TRUE
DEATH!

THE
LIVING VOID!
THE END!



TO THAT I
SAY, I AM KING
THOR ODINSON,
GOD OF LIGHTNING
AND THUNDER AND
PROTECTOR OF
EVERY REALM IN
THIS GALAXY!!!

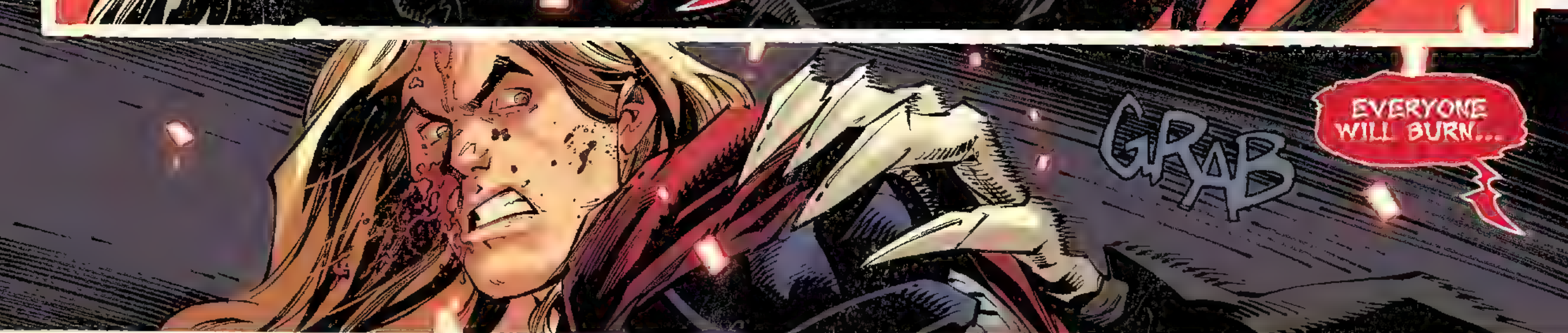
I SAY
WHEN IT
ENDS--

--AND I HAVE HAD
ENOUGH!!!

**KRAKK
DOOM**

--AND I HAVE HAD
ENOUGH!!!

KRAKK
DOOM





AGHHH!!!

...AND YOU WILL WATCH.

YOU KNOW THE PAIN OF ALL-BLACK. DON'T YOU?

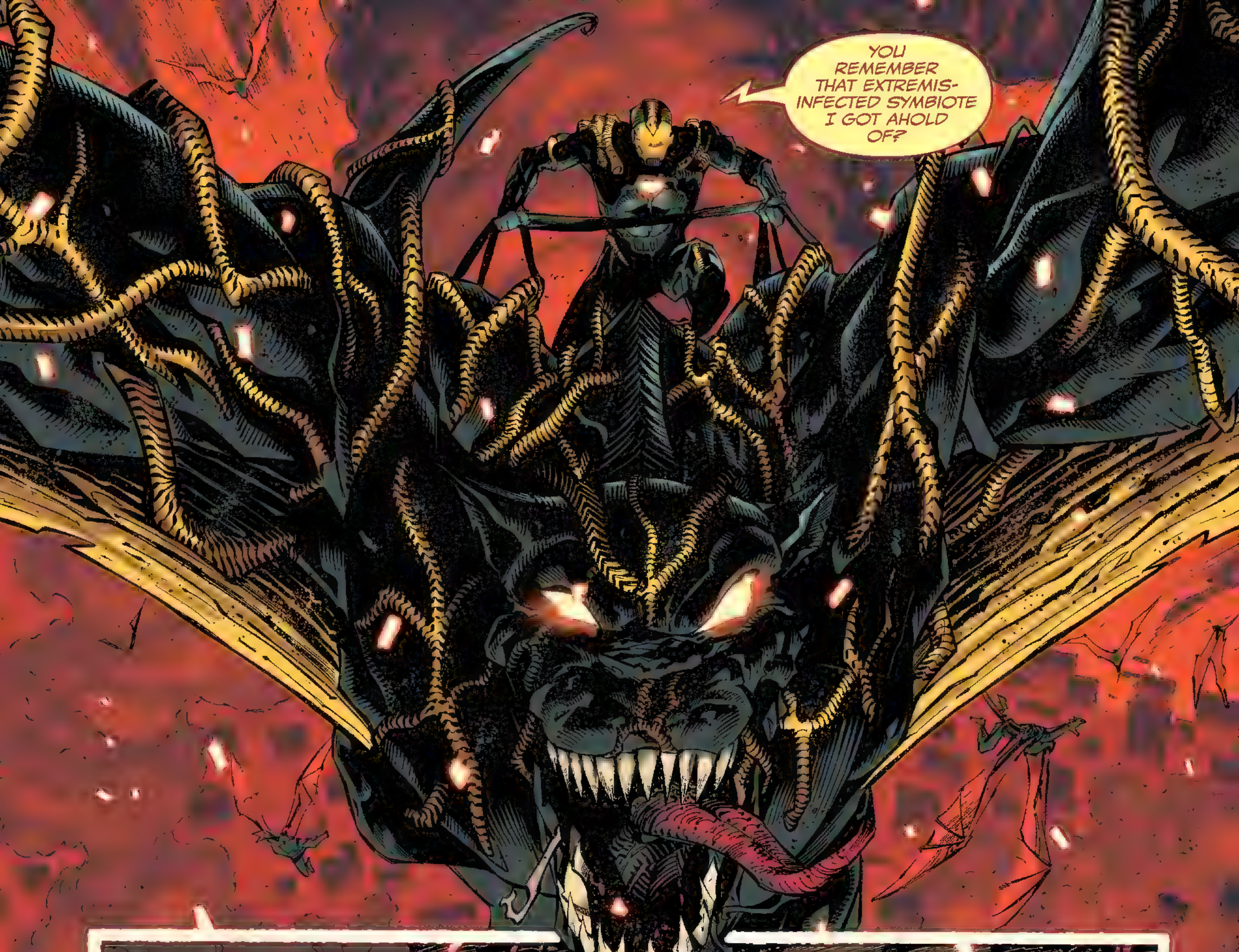
WELL...NOW YOU'VE HAD THE HONOR OF BEING KILLED BY ITS CREATOR.

DAMMIT! ANYONE! CAN ANYONE READ ME? WE NEED A PLAN!!! WE'VE LOST THOR, AND THOSE THINGS ARE GOING TO--

REED, CALM DOWN. THIS IS TONY. I'VE GOT THIS.

SOMEONE NEEDS TO GET THAT KID OUT OF THERE RIGHT NOW THOUGH!

YOU--YOU'VE GOT THIS? HOW DO YOU EXPECT TO FIGHT TWO CELESTIALS, TONY?

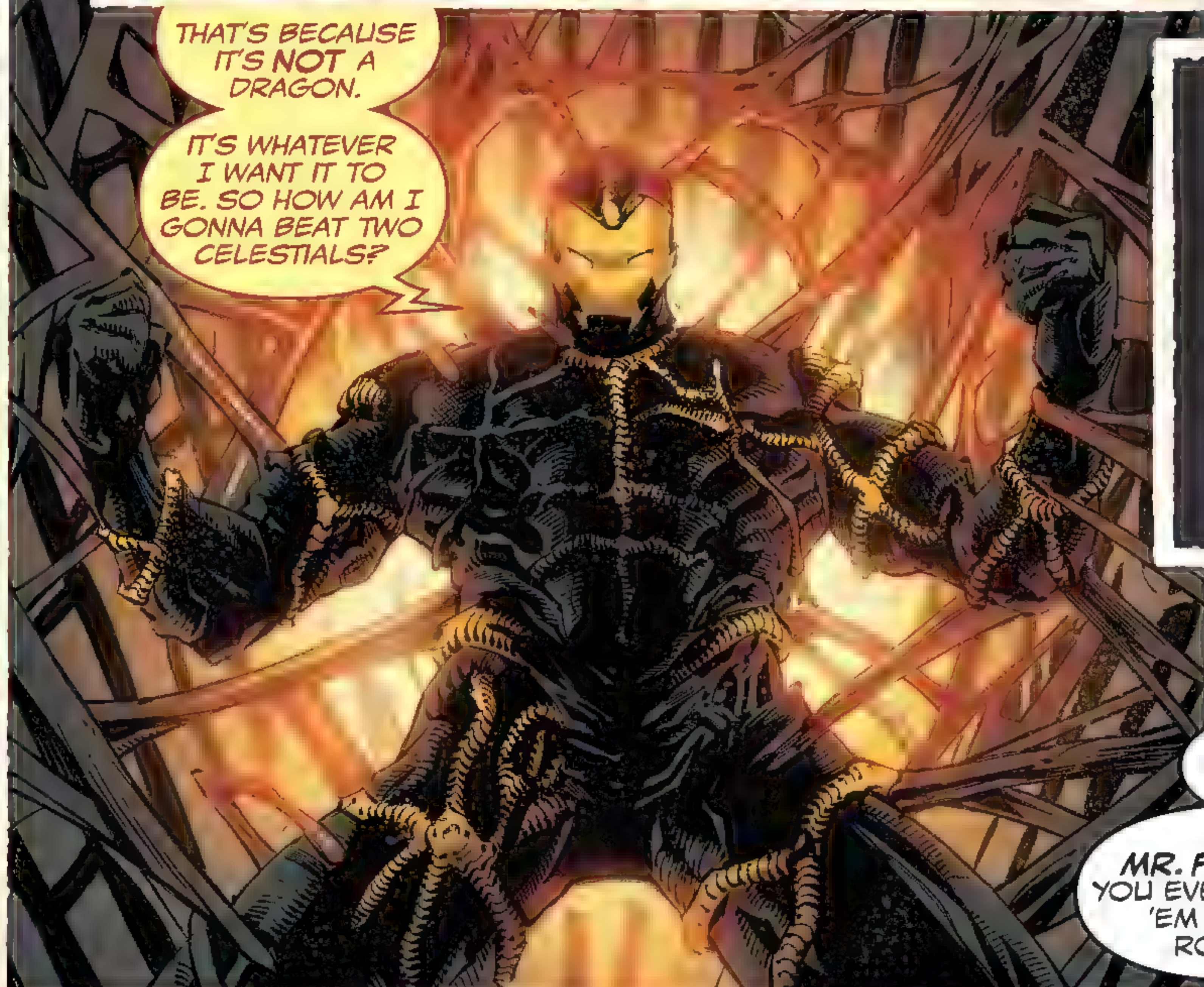


YOU
REMEMBER
THAT EXTREMIS-
INFECTED SYMBIOTE
I GOT AHOLD
OFF?



WELL, SINCE
THE KID FREED
IT FROM ITS HIVE...
WE'VE BEEN GETTING
ALONG A LITTLE
BETTER.

I STILL
DON'T UNDERSTAND...
SO YOU HAVE A DRAGON,
I DON'T---



THAT'S BECAUSE
IT'S NOT A
DRAGON.

IT'S WHATEVER
I WANT IT TO
BE. SO HOW AM I
GONNA BEAT TWO
CELESTIALS?



I'M
NOT.

I'M GOING
TO USE THIS
DRAGON TO
OVERRIDE ONE
OF THEM AND
MAKE IT MY NEW
FAVORITE
ARMOR...



...AND
THEN?

WELL,
MR. FANTASTIC.
YOU EVER PLAY ROCK
'EM SOCK 'EM
ROBOTS?

FOR EVERY
DARKNESS,
THERE IS A
LIGHT.

AN
OPPOSITE.

CLANG

AN
EQUAL.

I AM THE ONLY
FAMILY YOU
HAVE NOW.

COME
WITH ME
LET US
TALK...

...MY
SON.

NO!

THERE IS ANOTHER. AN OPPOSITE
OF KNULL. A GOD OF LIGHT. THE
SOURCE OF DYLAN'S POWER...

Huginn,
muninn...SWIFTLY...
FIND HIM!

BUT WHILE KNULL'S
DOME STILL STANDS,
IT CANNOT BREAK
THROUGH.

BUT I...

NOW
THEN...DYLAN
BROCK.

THE
CHILD OF MY
CHILDREN.

DO NOT BE
AFRAID.

I CAN...

...AND I AM
ON MY WAY.

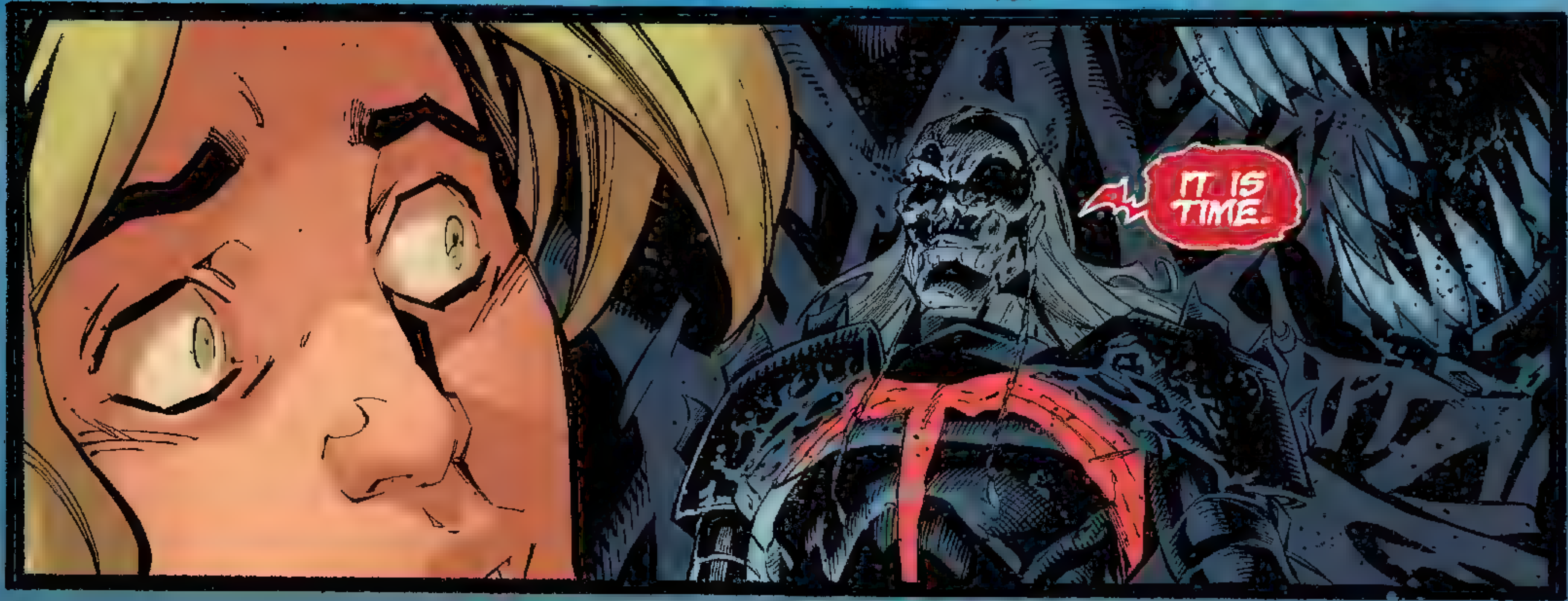




01 VARIANT BY **SUPERLOG**



CHAPTER FOUR
LIGHTNING





DYLAN.
DYLAN, LISTEN
TO ME...

S-STOP IT!
GET OUT OF
MY HEAD!

CALM
YOURSELF, CHILD.
I AM NOT HERE TO
HURT YOU...

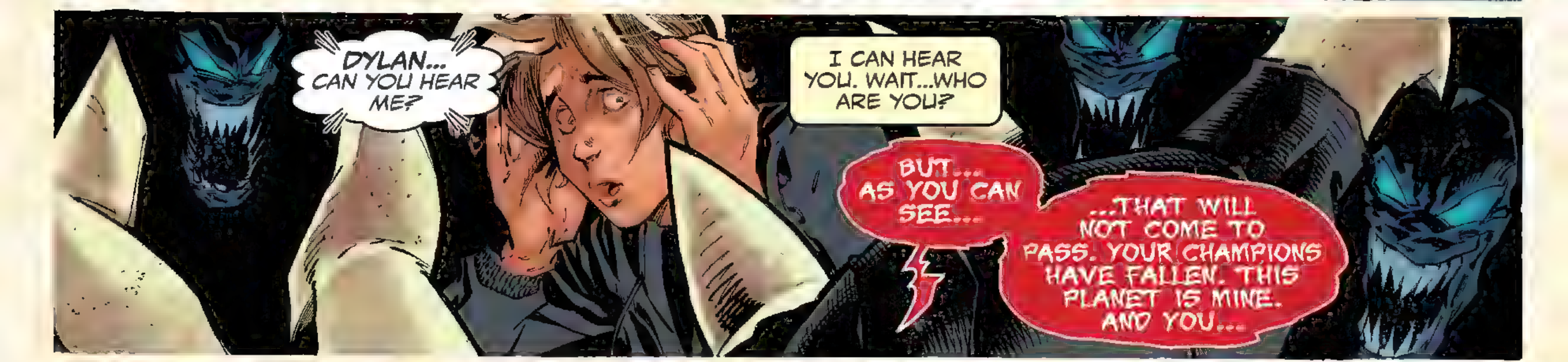
DYLAN...
REMAIN CALM.
LISTEN TO
ME...



YOU...
MY HIVE.
MY...REBELLIOUS
CHILDREN...

YOU
ARE SPECIAL.
SOMETHING
NEW...

THEY
MADE YOU
TO DESTROY
ME.

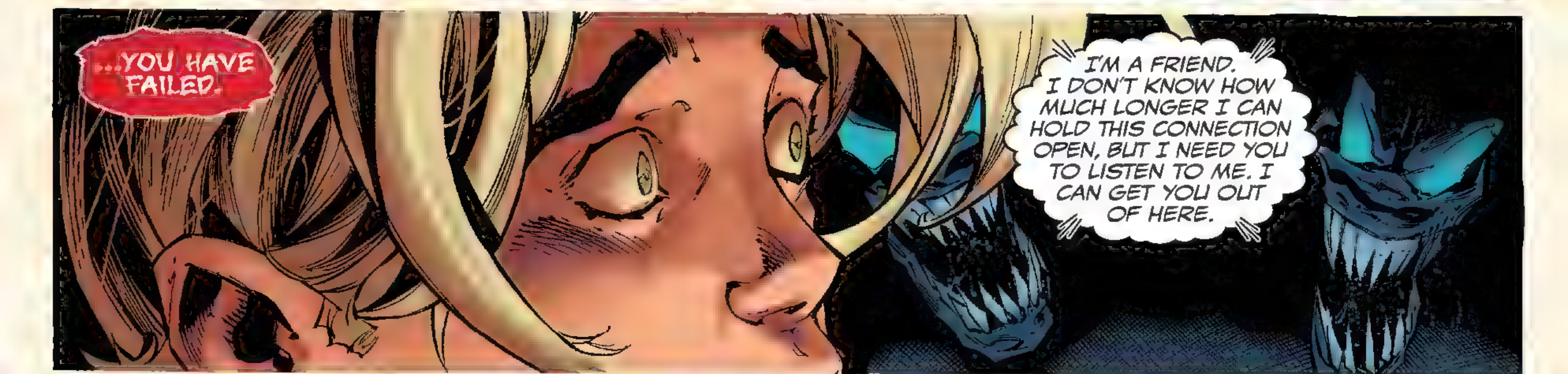


DYLAN...
CAN YOU HEAR
ME?

I CAN HEAR
YOU. WAIT...WHO
ARE YOU?

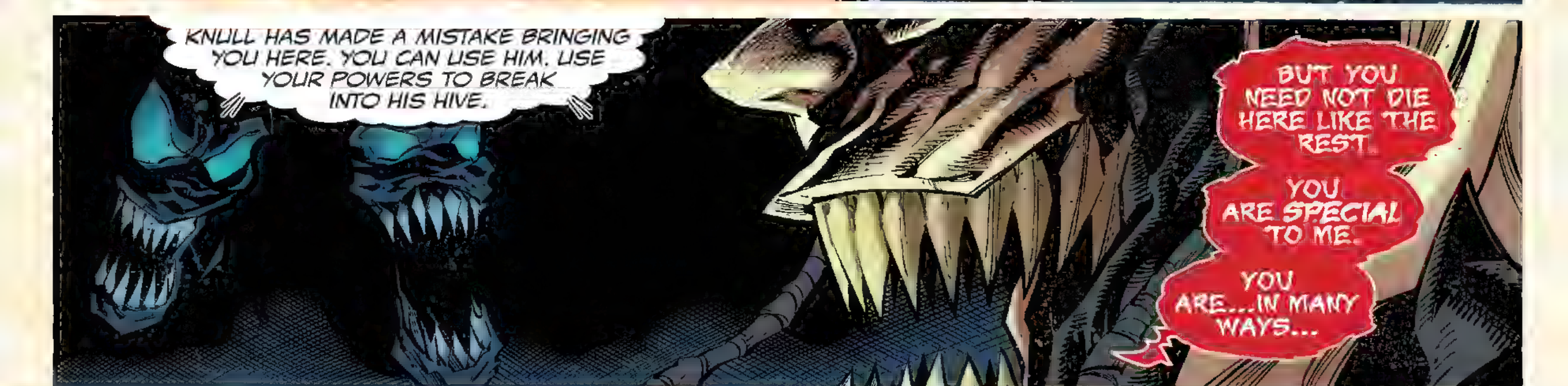
BUT...
AS YOU CAN
SEE...

...THAT WILL
NOT COME TO
PASS. YOUR CHAMPIONS
HAVE FALLEN. THIS
PLANET IS MINE.
AND YOU...



...YOU HAVE
FAILED.

I'M A FRIEND.
I DON'T KNOW HOW
MUCH LONGER I CAN
HOLD THIS CONNECTION
OPEN, BUT I NEED YOU
TO LISTEN TO ME. I
CAN GET YOU OUT
OF HERE.

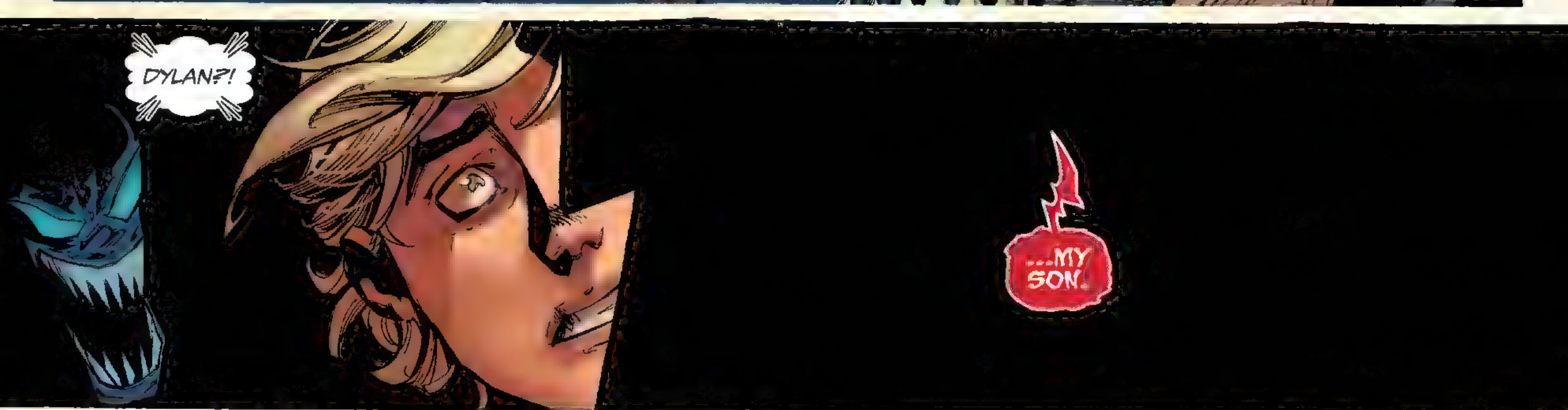


KNULL HAS MADE A MISTAKE BRINGING
YOU HERE. YOU CAN USE HIM. USE
YOUR POWERS TO BREAK
INTO HIS HIVE.

BUT YOU
NEED NOT DIE
HERE LIKE THE
REST.

YOU
ARE SPECIAL
TO ME.

YOU
ARE...IN MANY
WAYS...



DYLAN?!

...MY
SON.

YOU CAN DO THIS! FOCUS. LISTEN TO ME. YOU CAN TAP INTO HIS POWERS WITH YOURS.

YOU CAN USE HIM AS AN ANTENNA TO CONTROL--

SHUT UP!!!

I WILL GIVE YOU THE DARKNESS TOGETHER WE WILL END THIS WAR.

JOIN ME...

...OR I WILL BURN THIS WORLD TO THE GROUND.

YES...

THAT'S A GOOD BOY.

YOU...

I'VE GOT THIS.

...KILLED MY DAD.

AGHHHH!

YES!
DYLAN,
QUICKLY! NOW
REACH OUT
THROUGH
HIM!

THROUGH THE
HIVE MIND!

YES!
YOU'RE DOING
IT! YOU'RE
FREEING
THEM!

I KNOW IT
HURTS!
AGHH!!!
IT'S--IT'S TOO
MUCH!

KEEP
GOING! KEEP
PUSHING!

NGH! I
CAN'T...

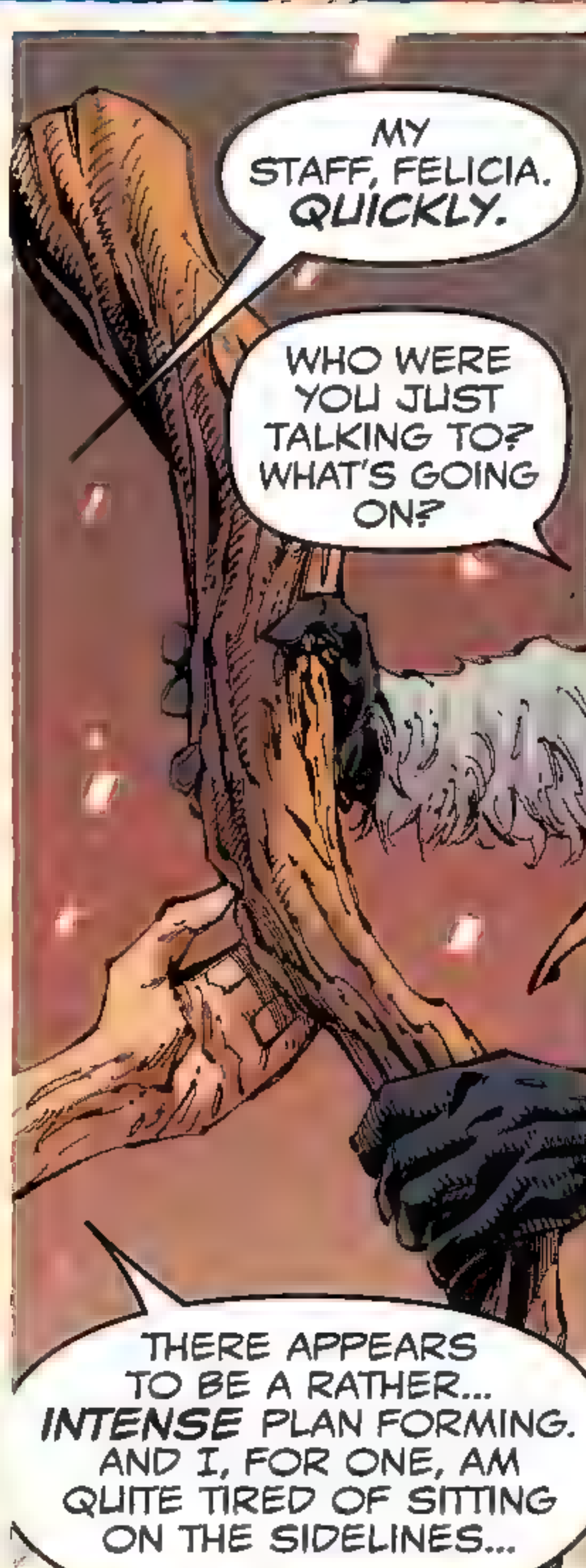
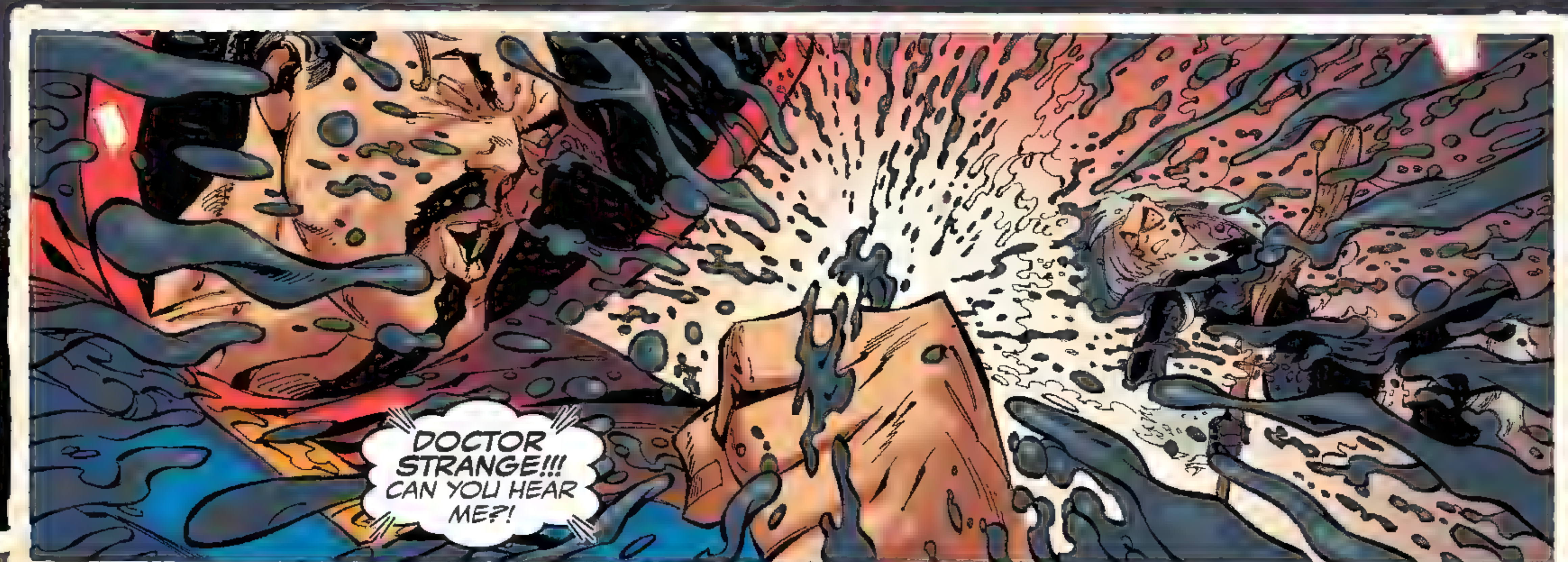
JUST A
FEW MORE TO
GO! WE ONLY GET
ONE SHOT AT
THIS!

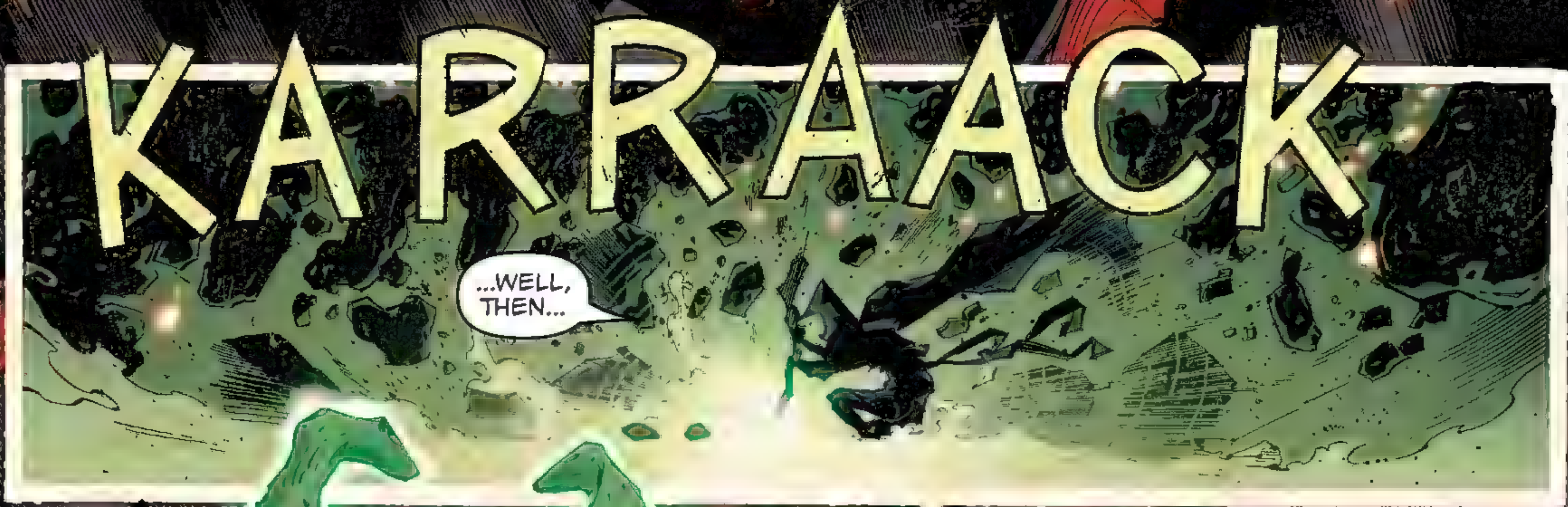
HOLD...
ON!

FIRE AND
SOUND DON'T HURT
THESE SYMBIOTES,
BUT I HAVE A
PLAN.

WE'LL NEED
LIGHTNING...







...WELL,
THEN...

...TWO CAN
PLAY AT THAT
GAME.

OKAY.
LINKING
EVERYONE
NOW.

CYCLOPS.

HUMAN
TORCH.

INVISIBLE
WOMAN.

DOCTOR
STRANGE.

THOR.

ON MY
MARK.



GOOD!
NOW
PUSH!

WE NEED
TO FUNNEL THEM
INTO THE CENTER
OF THE CITY!

NAMOR.

YOU'RE
UP.

ABOUT
TIME.

BOOM



LIM...GUYS? DID
I MISS A MEETING OR
SOMETHING?

SPIDER-MAN,
GET OUT OF THERE!
INCOMING!

NOW
YOU TELL
ME!

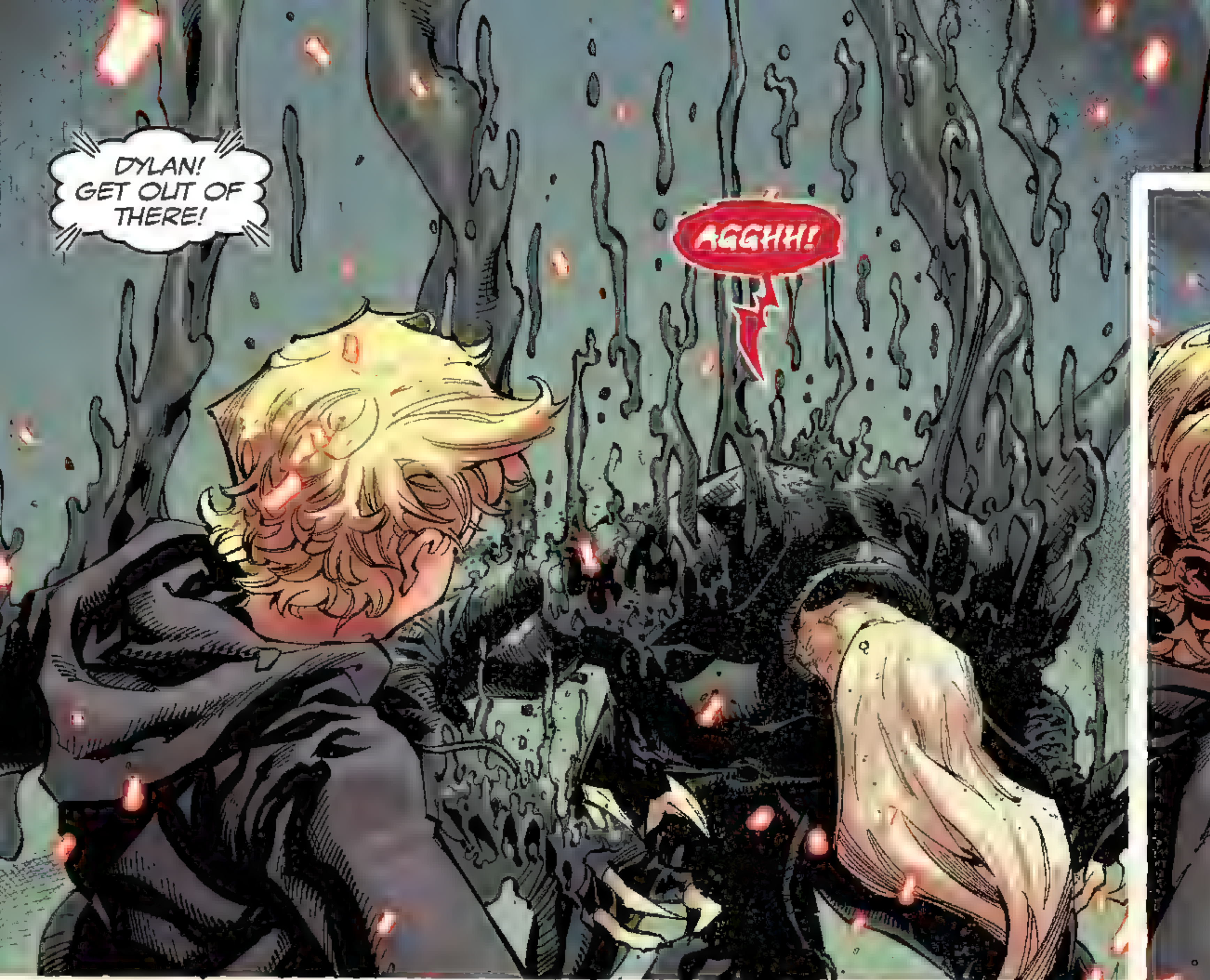
KLANG

WE'RE
CLEAR!

STORM!

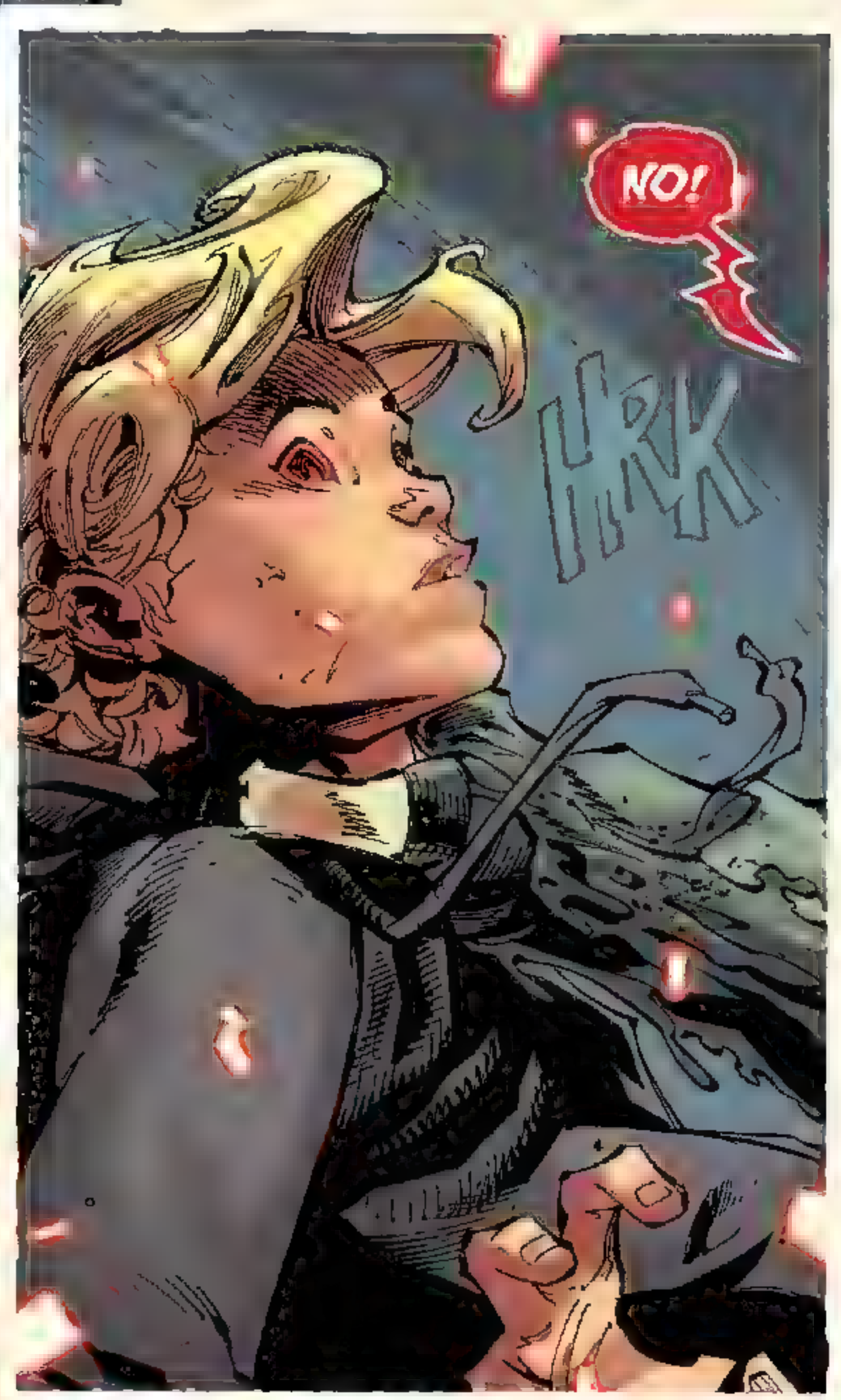
THOR!





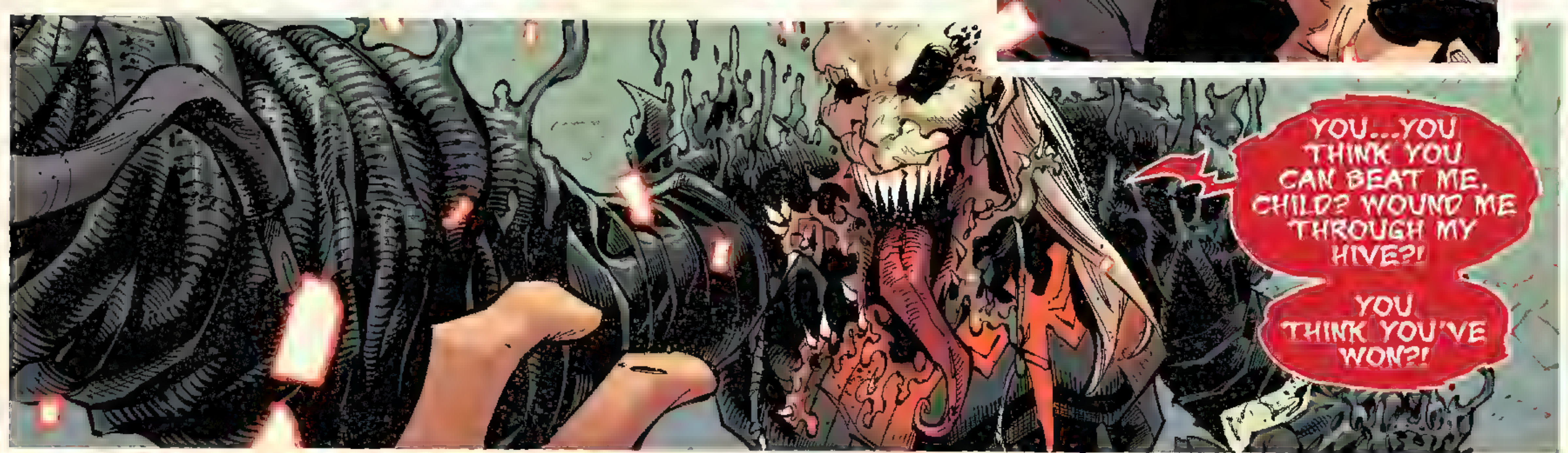
DYLAN!
GET OUT OF
THERE!

AGGHH!



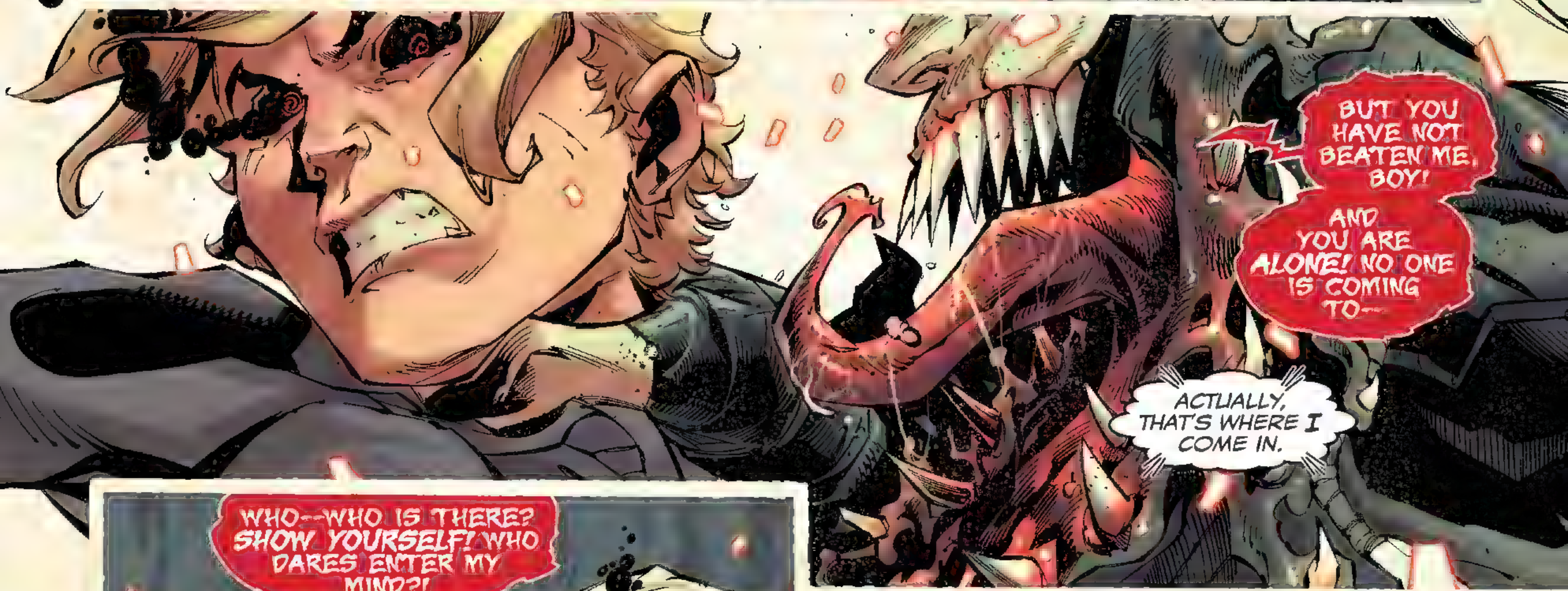
NO!

URK



YOU...YOU
THINK YOU
CAN BEAT ME,
CHILD? WOUND ME
THROUGH MY
HIVE?!

YOU
THINK YOU'VE
WON?!



BUT YOU
HAVE NOT
BEATEN ME,
BOY!

AND
YOU ARE
ALONE! NO ONE
IS COMING
TO...

ACTUALLY,
THAT'S WHERE I
COME IN.



WHO--WHO IS THERE?
SHOW YOURSELF! WHO
DARES ENTER MY
MIND?!



I DON'T
BELIEVE WE'VE BEEN
INTRODUCED.

AGGHHH!

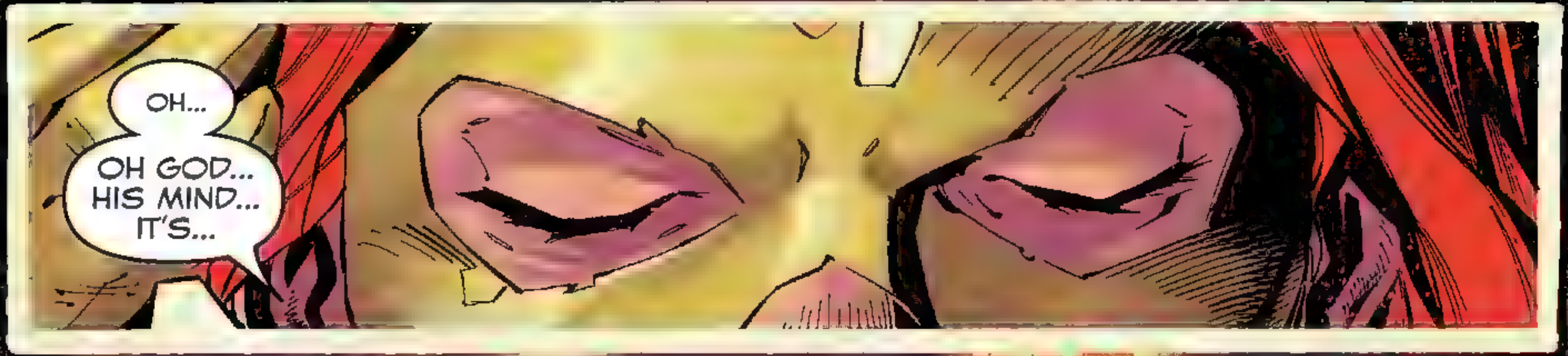
MY NAME IS
JEAN GREY.

NOW...



...LET'S SEE WHAT
MAKES YOU
BLEED.





OH...
OH GOD...
HIS MIND...
IT'S...



"...COLD..."



"I CAN'T...
I CAN'T FIND
ANYTHING..."

"I CAN'T FIND
ANYTHING THAT
CAN HURT HIM..."

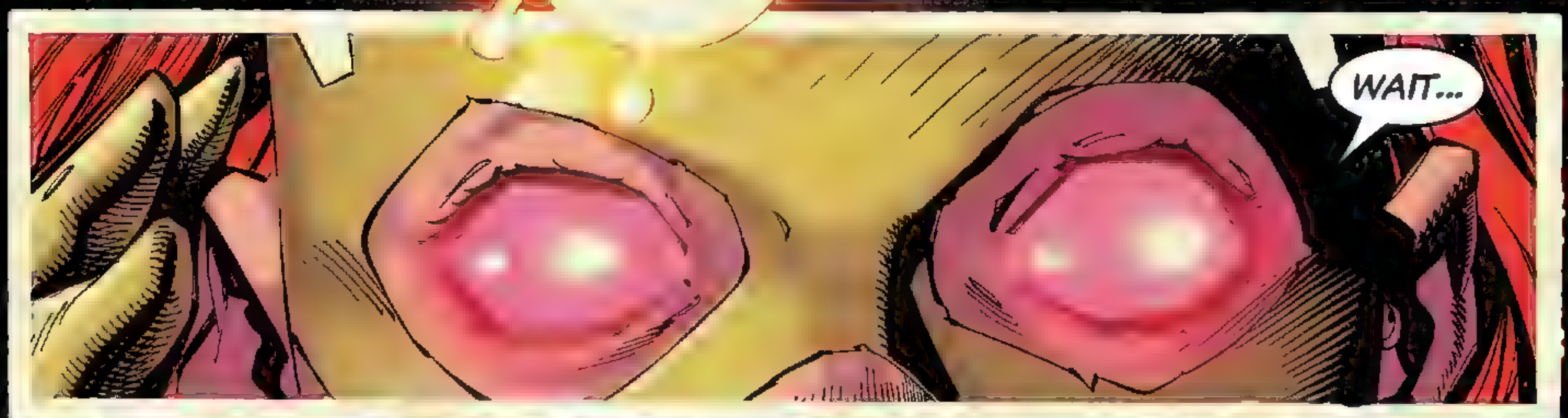
"HE--HE FORGED
THE DARKNESS..."

"...BENT IT TO
HIS WILL..."

"HE'S BEATEN
EVERYTHING..."

"HE... OH
GOD..."

"THERE'S
NOTHING WE
CAN..."



WAIT...



"THERE
IS...

"THERE IS
ANOTHER...

"A REACTION.

"AN
OPPOSITE.

"KNULL...HE'S THE
GOD OF THE ABYSS.

"BUT HE IS NOT
THE DARKNESS.

"IT--THE DARK--IT
EXISTED LONG
BEFORE HIM.

FLA-BOOM

"AND WITH
DARKNESS...

"...THERE
IS LIGHT.

"IT ROSE
UP AGAINST
HIM.

"IT...IT BONDED ITSELF
WITH WARRIORS TO
RAGE AGAINST HIM.

"THE LIGHT...
IT WAS...
SENTIENT...
ALIVE..."

"IT GAVE THIS ARMY...
UNIMAGINABLE
POWER."

"BUT...IT
WASN'T
ENOUGH..."

"THE
LIGHT...IT
WAS YOUNG
THEN..."

"...OVERWHELMED
BY THE
DARKNESS..."

"...STRETCHED
TOO THIN..."

"AND SO...
IT..."

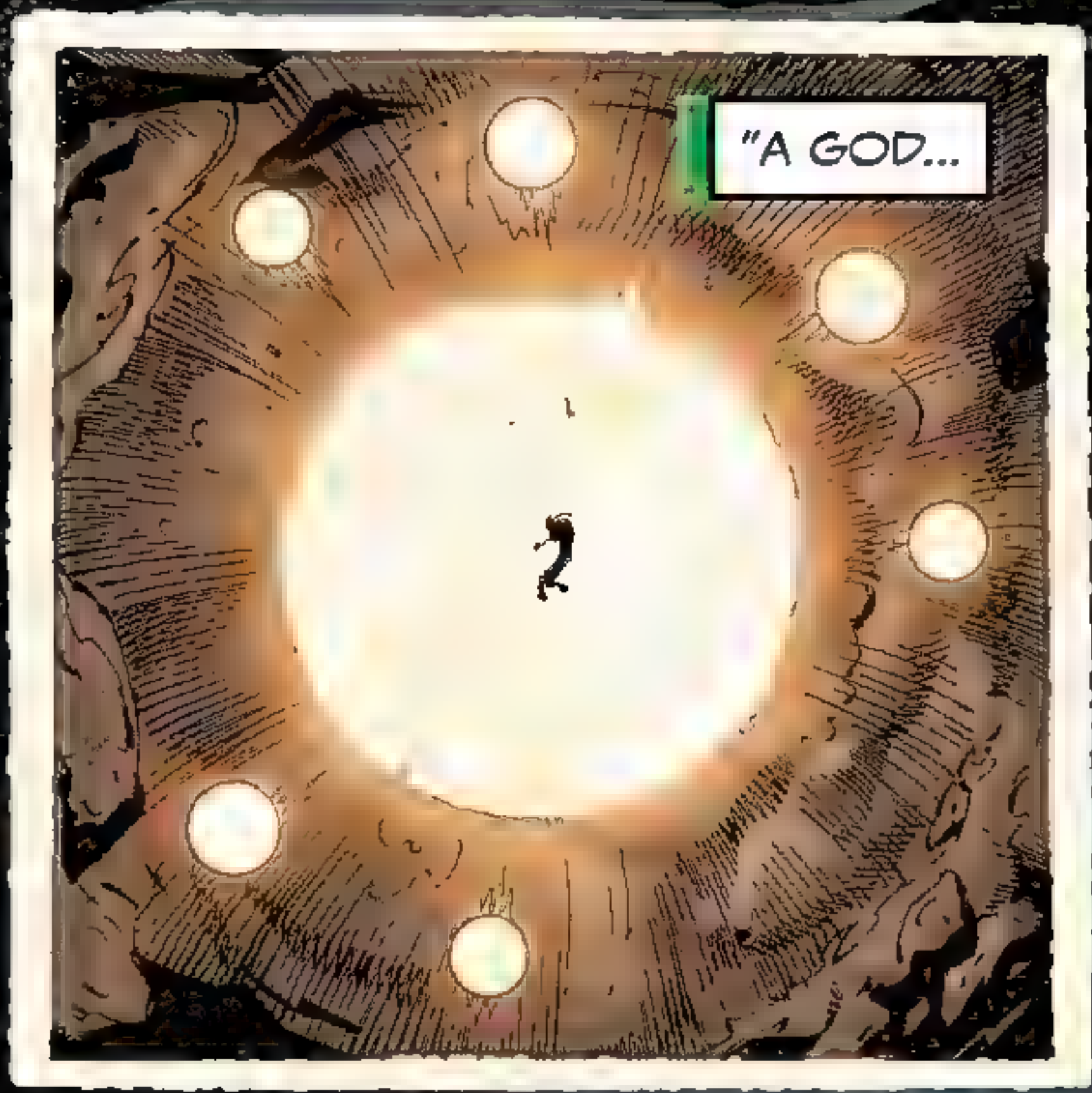
"IT BECAME
SOMETHING
NEW..."

"IT...WOULD
CHOOSE A
SINGLE BEING
IN ALL OF THE
UNIVERSE..."

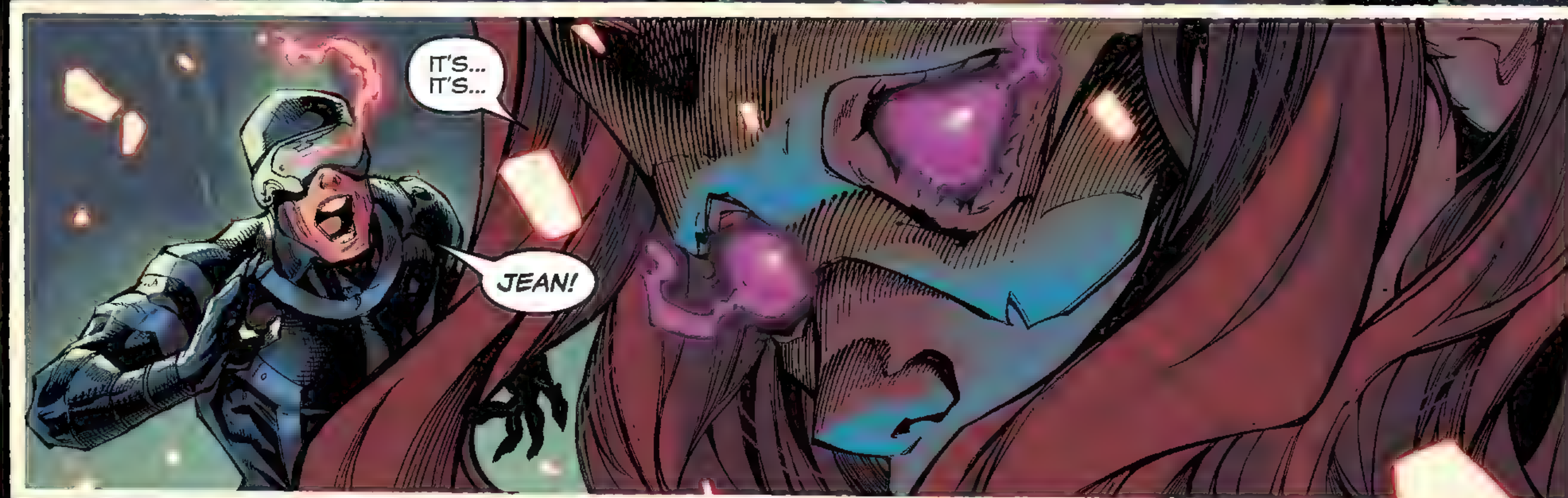
"BOND
WITH THEM."

"MAKE THEM
BETTER."

"MAKE THEM
POWERFUL ENOUGH
TO STAND AGAINST
THE DARK..."



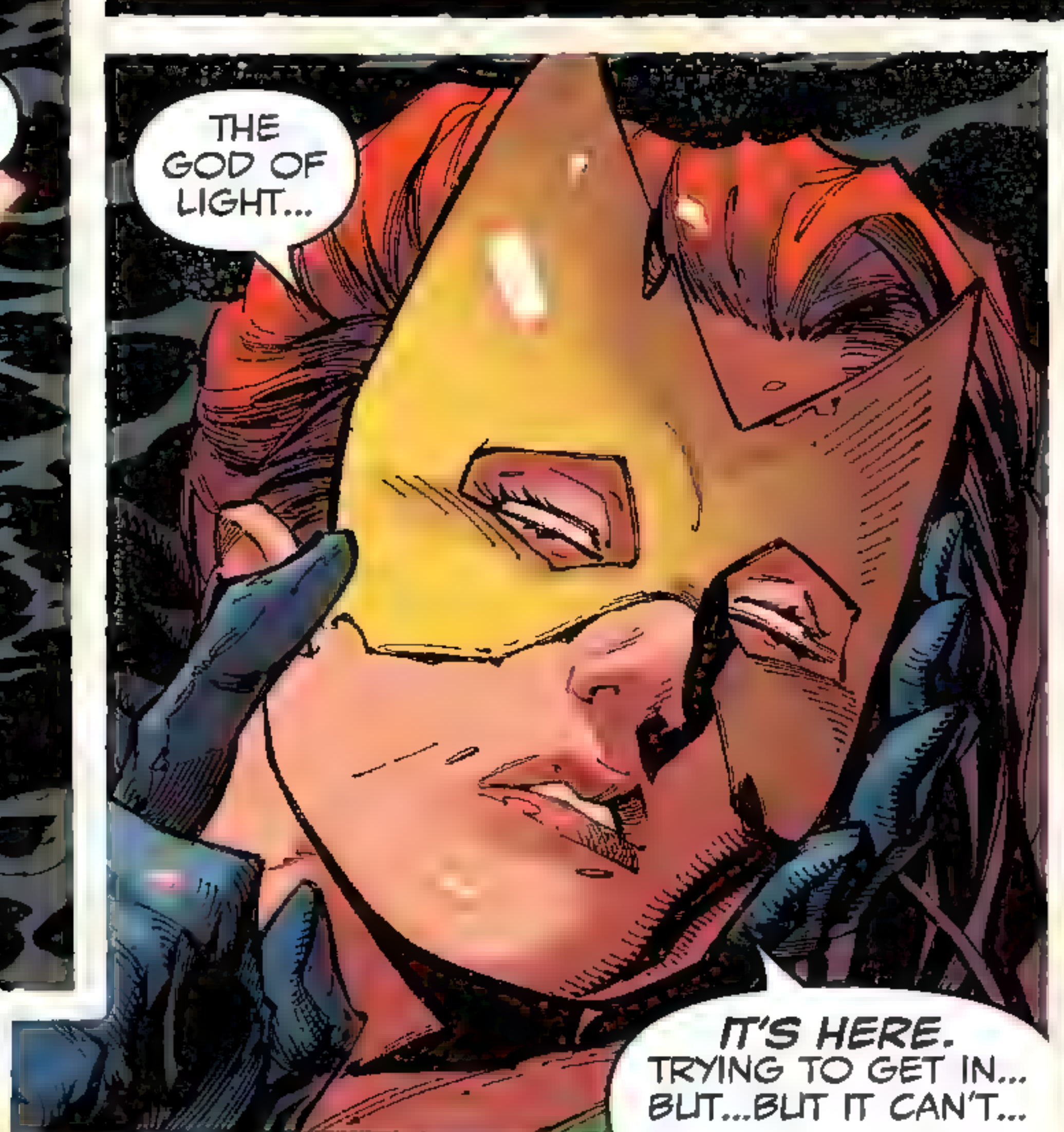
"...OF
LIGHT!"





JEAN...
WHAT IS IT?
WHAT'S--

IT'S
HERE...



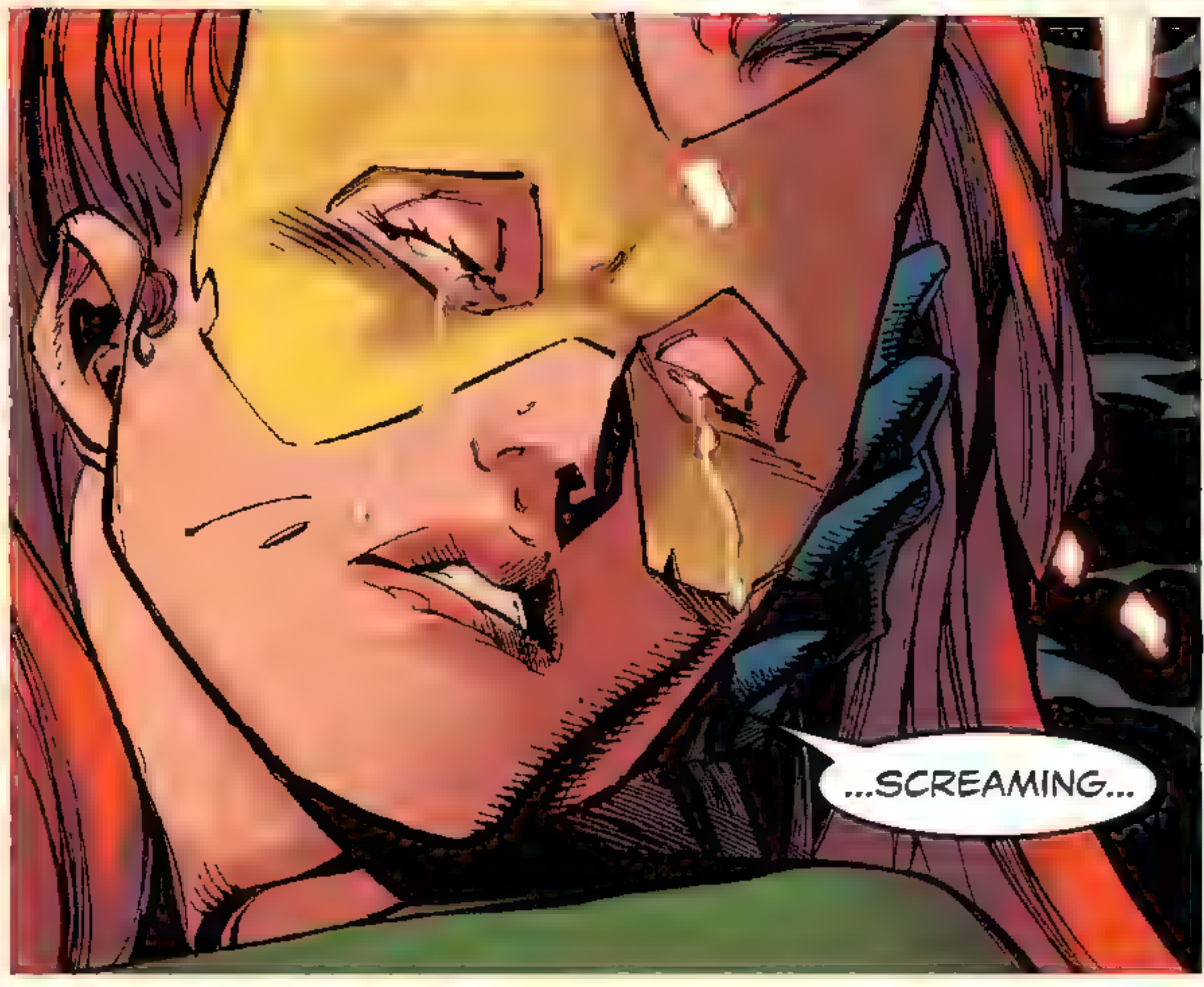
THE
GOD OF
LIGHT...

IT'S HERE.
TRYING TO GET IN...
BUT...BUT IT CAN'T...

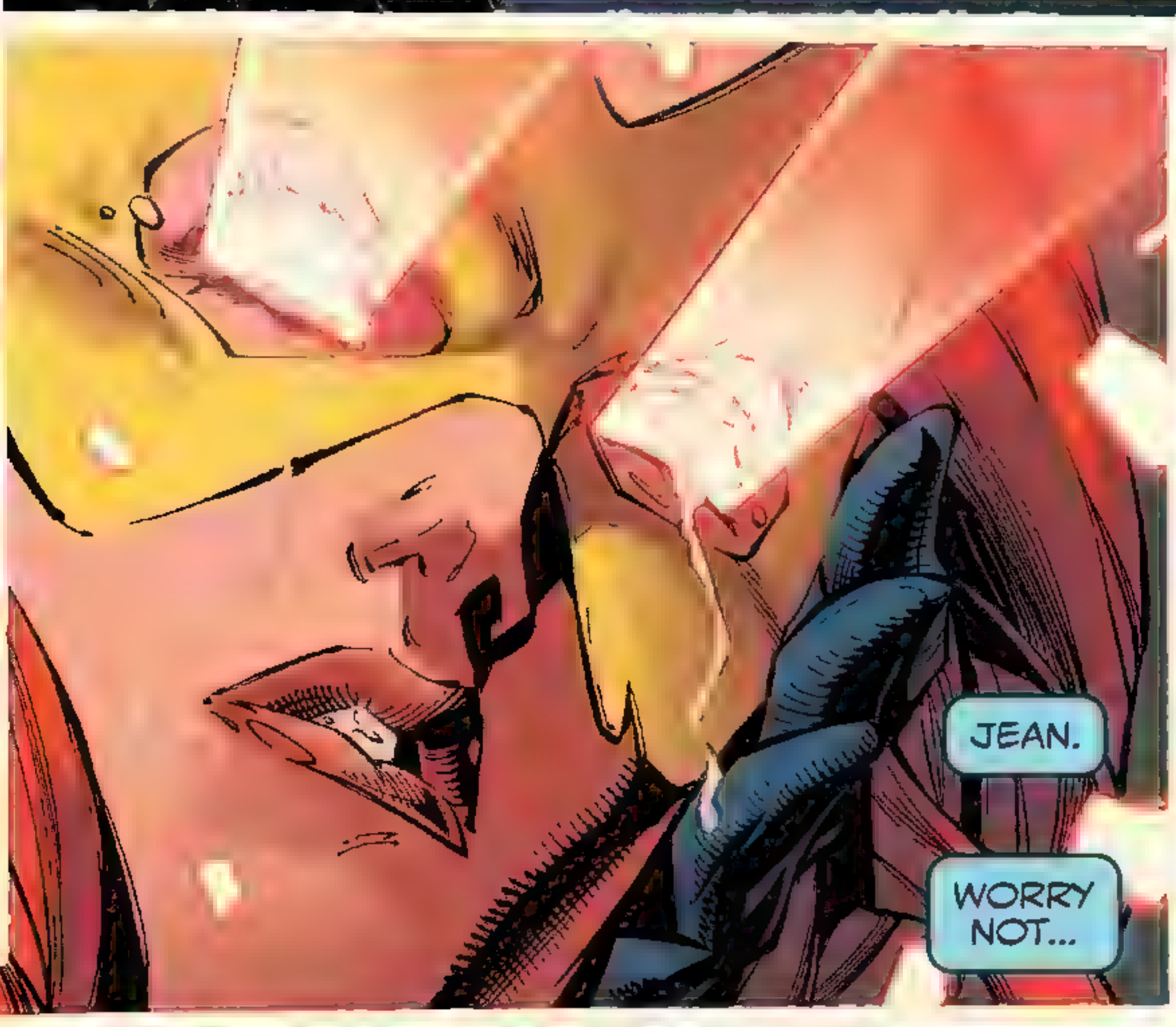
"IT'S
TRAPPED..."

"I CAN
HEAR IT..."

"IT'S..."



...SCREAMING...



JEAN.

WORRY
NOT...



I AM
HERE.

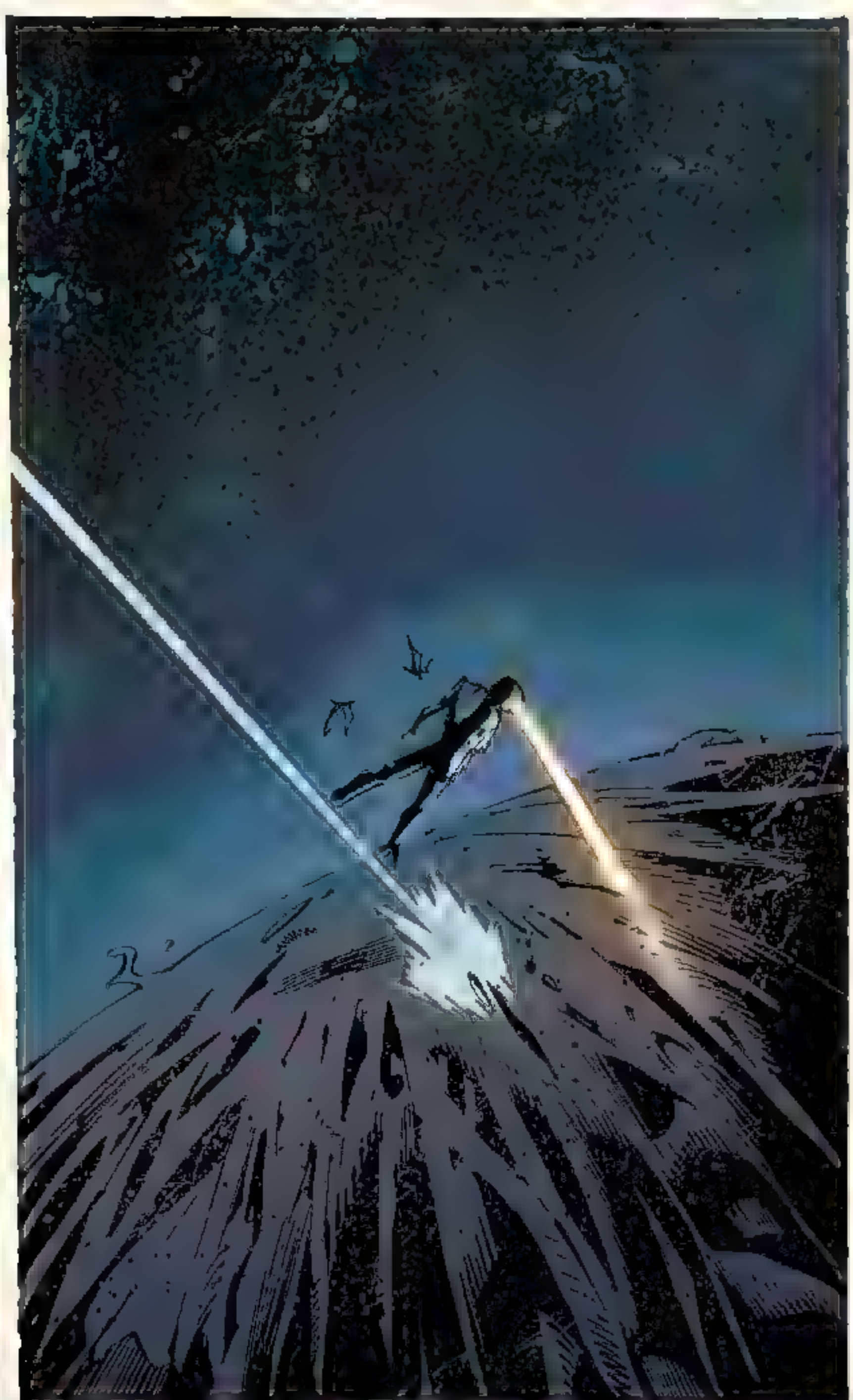


I SEE THE
LIGHT.

IT CANNOT BREAK
THROUGH. IT
CANNOT PASS THE
BARRIER.



BUT I
CAN.





"...GO AND
FIND YOUR
WARRIOR."

VWAAAAAAA



OH MY GOD...

JEAN... THESE READINGS... THIS **ENERGY SOURCE**.

YOU'RE RIGHT... IT BEHAVES JUST LIKE A SYMBIOTE. IT ALWAYS HAS...

THIS... GOD OF LIGHT...

I-- I KNOW WHAT IT IS.



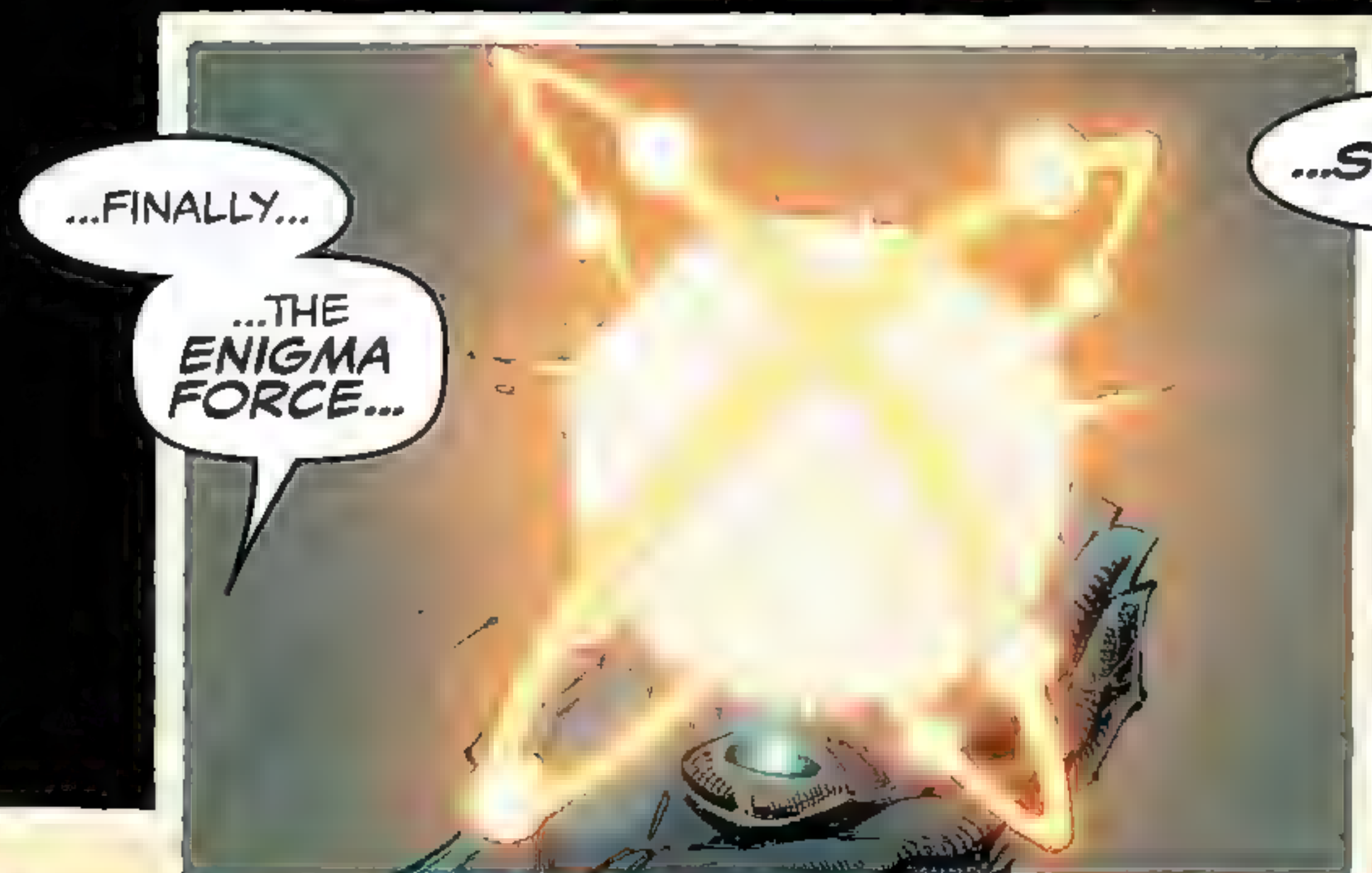
WE ALL DO...

WE'VE JUST BEEN CALLING IT BY THE WRONG NAME...



HEH...

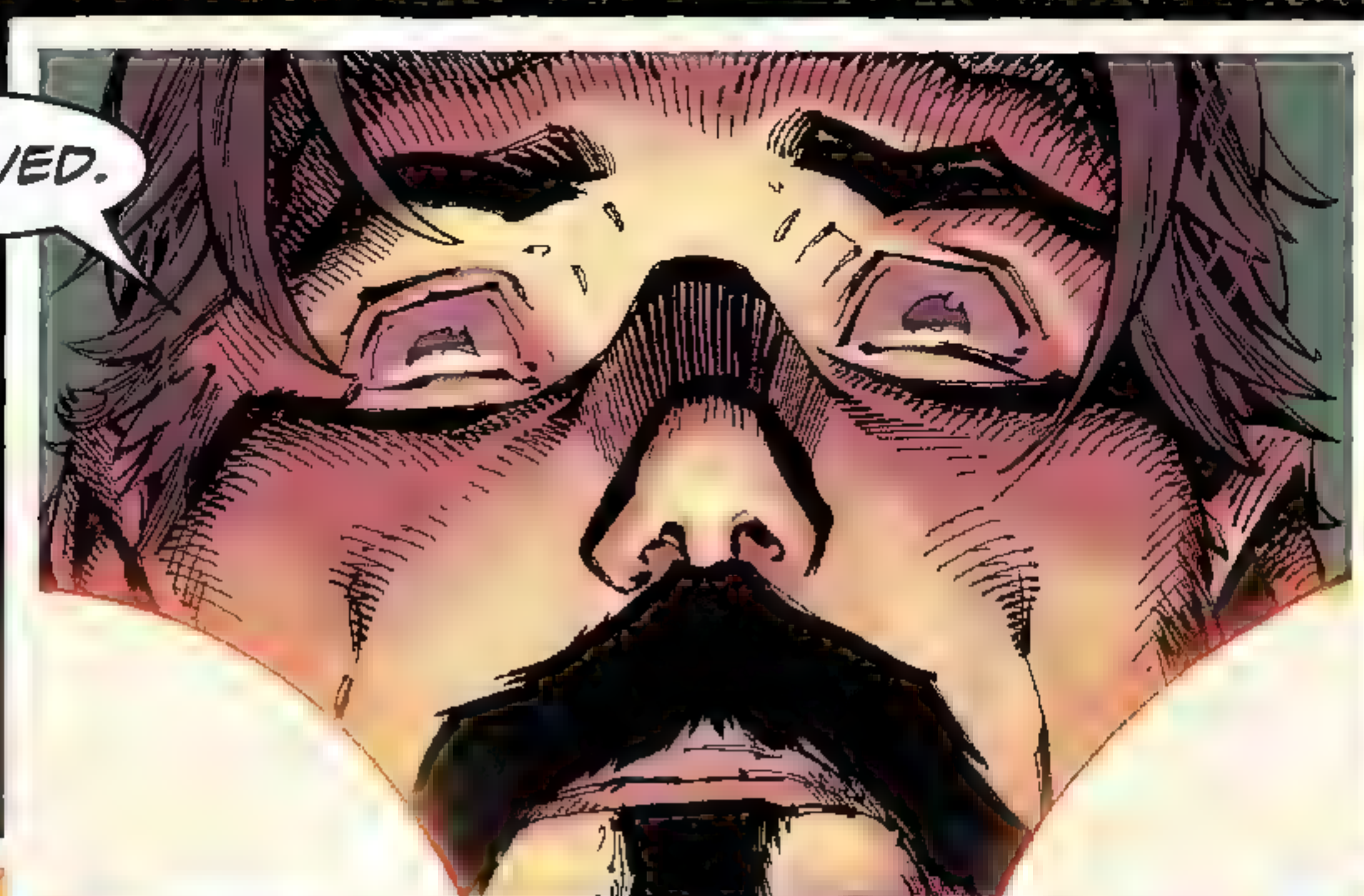
"CAPTAIN UNIVERSE."



...FINALLY...

...THE **ENIGMA FORCE**...

...SOLVED.



FWAAAAAA

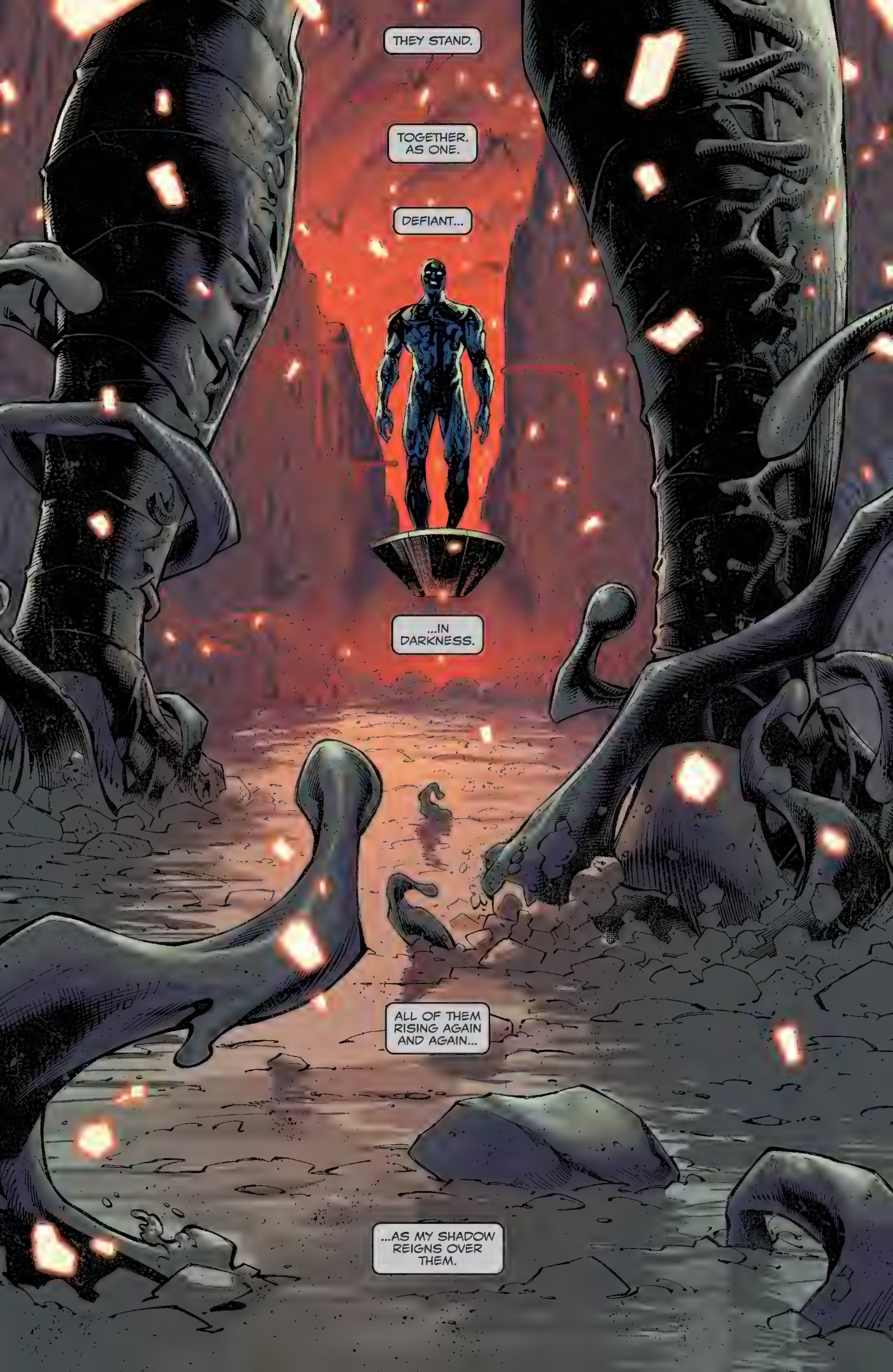
EDWARD
BROCK

YOU
HAVE BEEN
CHOSEN.





CHAPTER FIVE
DAWN



THEY STAND.

TOGETHER.
AS ONE.

DEFIANT...

...IN
DARKNESS.

ALL OF THEM
RISING AGAIN
AND AGAIN...

...AS MY SHADOW
REIGNS OVER
THEM.



I CAN
FEEL
THEM.

YOU...
SURFER...
WE HAVE
MET BEFORE
YES?

FEEL THEIR
STRENGTH.



INDEED
WE HAVE.

AND I REMAIN
UNIMPRESSED,
KNULL...



THEIR
LIGHT...

THERE IS
ANOTHER NOW.
A GOD OF
LIGHT.



SHING

YES.
SO I HAVE
HEARD.

BUT YOU,
ABOVE ALL, SHOULD
REMEMBER...

...NO
MATTER HOW
FAST LIGHT
TRAVELS...



THEIR
ANGER.

...DARKNESS
IS ALWAYS
THERE
WAITING.



IN A
WAY...I
ADMIRE YOU,
LITTLE
LIGHT.



I WILL REMEMBER
YOU. YOU WILL
DIE A NOBLE
DEATH...

THEIR
FEAR.



THEIR
CERTAINTY...

PERHAPS...

...BUT I
SHALL NOT FACE
IT ALONE.

...THAT THEY
WILL LOSE.

AVENGERS!

ASSEMBLE!

BWOOOM

BUT THEY ARE
WRONG.

BECAUSE WE
ARE STRONGER
WHEN WE ARE
TOGETHER.

I
APPRECIATE
THE ASSISTS,
FELLAS.



AND I'M
BACK.

...BUT WE'LL
TAKE IT FROM
HERE.

EDDIE...?



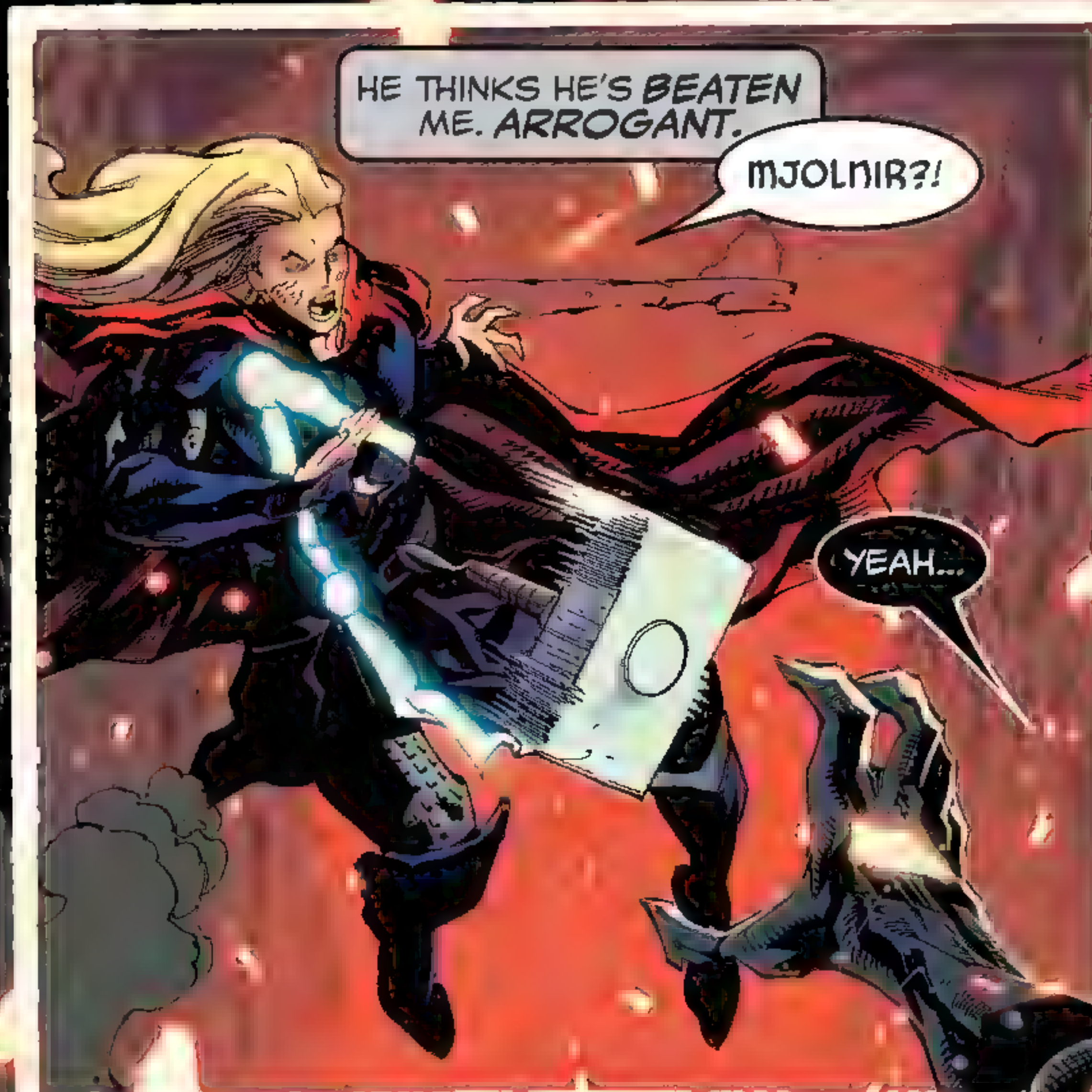
SO...

...THIS
IS IT,
THEN.

THE GREAT
GOD OF THE
LIGHT HAS CHOSEN
A HOST THAT I
HAVE KILLED...HOW
MANY TIMES
NOW?

IS THIS MEANT
TO...SCARE
ME?

HONESTLY...
YOU CAN'T
POSSIBLY BELIEVE
THAT YOU CAN
BEAT--



HE THINKS HE'S BEATEN ME. ARROGANT.

MJOLNIR?!

YEAH...



AND HE'S RIGHT.

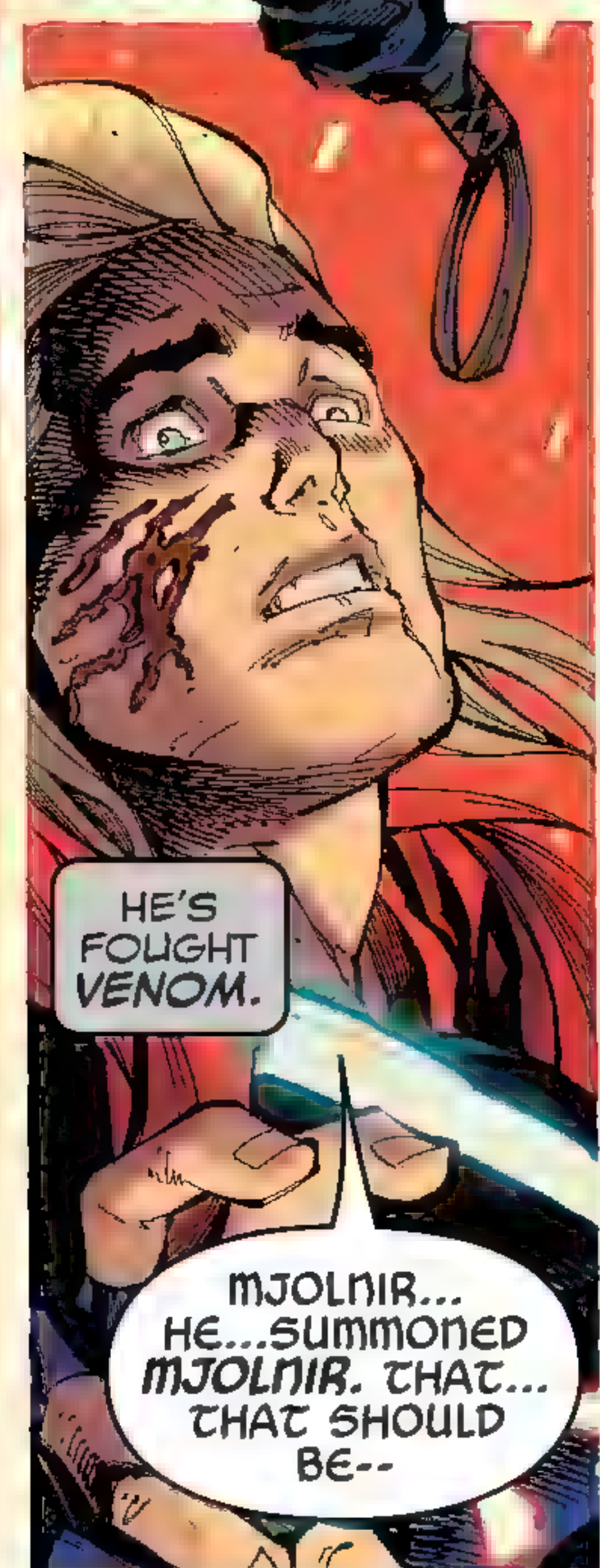


...I REALLY THINK WE CAN.

KNULL KILLED ME ONCE. NO REASON IN THE WORLD I SHOULD BE HERE.

NO REASON HE SHOULD THINK HE CAN'T DO IT AGAIN.

BUT...HE DOESN'T KNOW ME.



HE'S FOUGHT VENOM.

MJOLNIR... HE...SUMMONED MJOLNIR. THAT... THAT SHOULD BE--



IMPOSSIBLE.

BUT HE'S NEVER FOUGHT EDDIE BROCK.

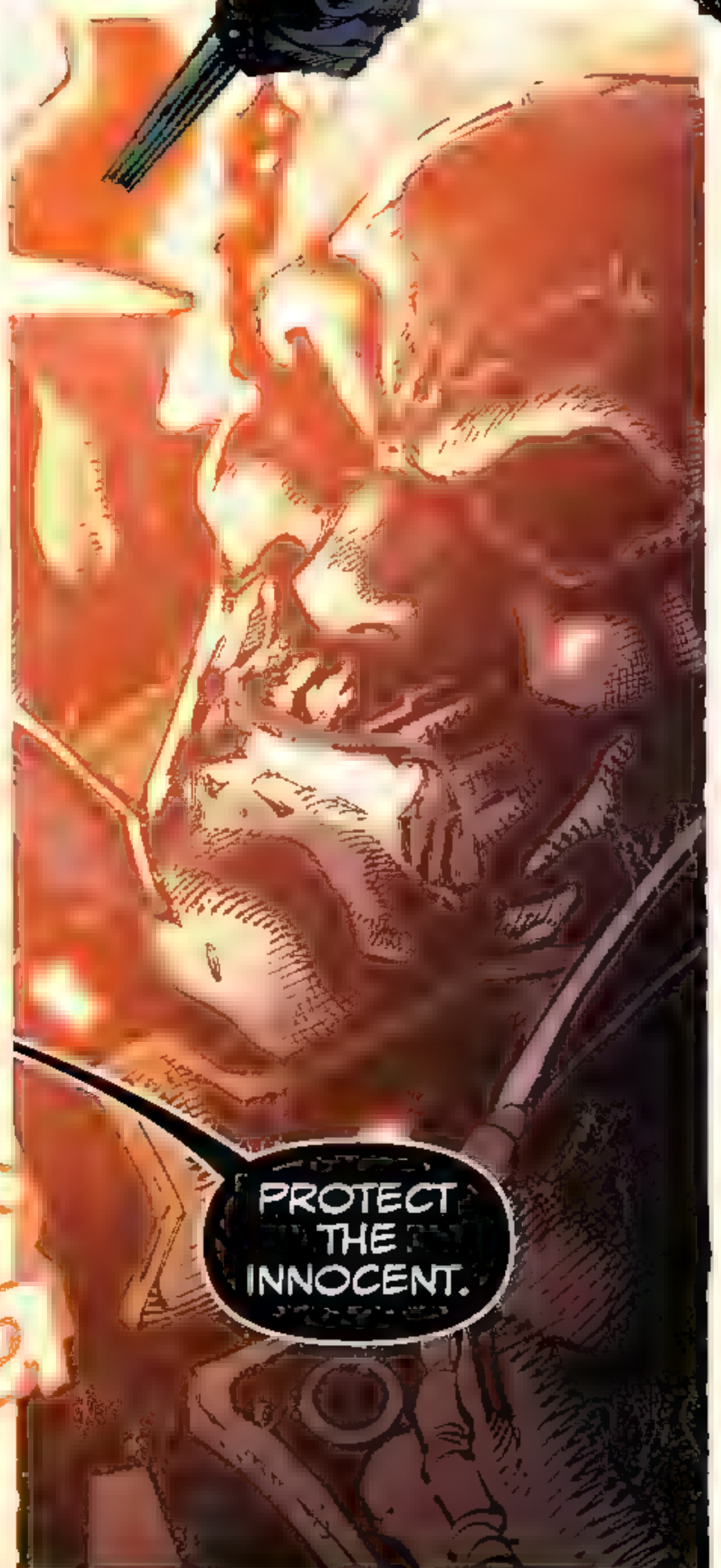


SURFER. THOR. SPIDER-MAN.

ALL OF YOU.

STAY HERE.

KSHANG



PROTECT THE INNOCENT.

I'M THE MAN OF A
THOUSAND SECOND
CHANCES, DAMMIT.

LEAVE
THIS
ONE...

THE
COMEBACK
KING.

TO
US!

Woooo

ooooooooosh



RAGHHH!

WAS...WAS THAT EDDIE BROCK
WIELDING A BATTLE-AX MADE OUT
OF THE SURFER'S BOARD AND
THOR'S HAMMER? DID...DID HE
JUST FLY, OR AM I--

CYKE...LISTEN...
SOMETHING'S
COMING...

YEAH...GEAR
UP, CYCLOPS.
WE AREN'T
DONE HERE.

THUM-THUM-THUM-THUM-THUM

HE'S
HIDING.

RUNNING.

THROWING
EVERYTHING HE
CAN IN MY WAY.

COME
ON!

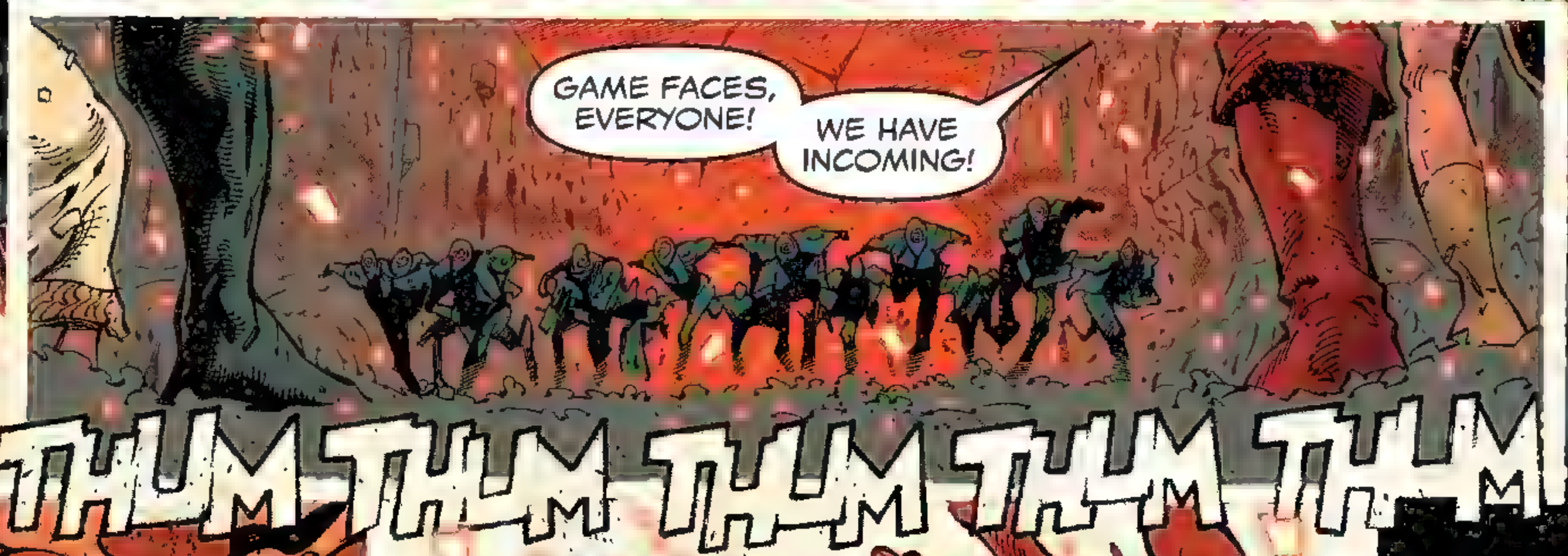


GOOD.



BECAUSE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG TIME...

...WE'RE HAVING FUN.



GAME FACES, EVERYONE!

WE HAVE INCOMING!

THUM THUM THUM THUM THUM



STOP HIDING!

COME OUT AND END THIS, YOU--



YOU WANT YOUR END, LITTLE HOST?!



THEN LET ALL-BLACK BE YOUR--

NO.



HOW--HOW ARE YOU DOING THIS?!

NO MORE.

NO MORE SWORDS.

NO MORE DRAGONS.



KEEP PUSHING!

THUM THUM THUM THUM THUM THUM



JUST YOU.

NO!



AND ME.

KARASH!

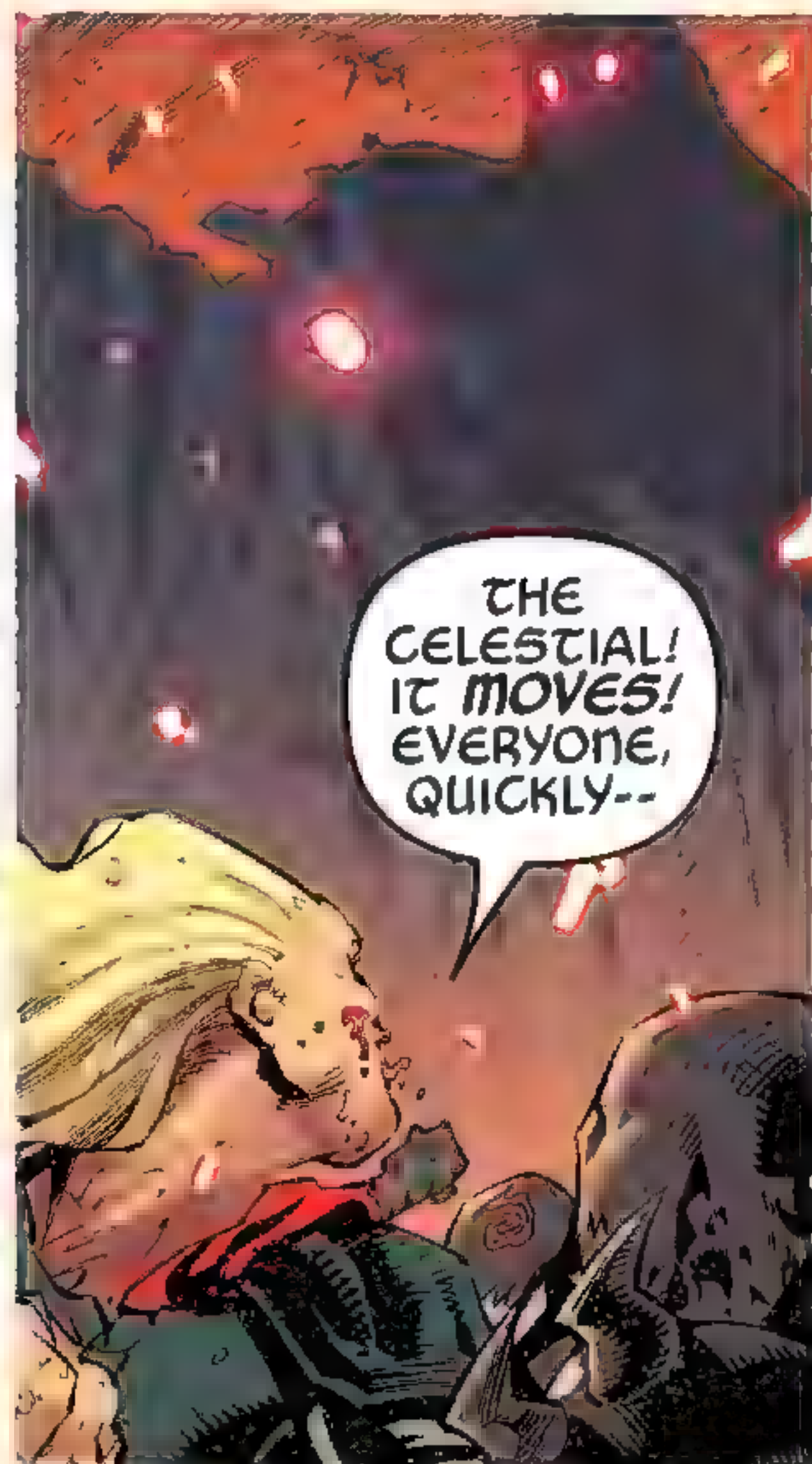
YOU WANTED DARKNESS?!



I HOPE YOU ENJOY IT, YOU SON OF A--



HEH. YOU KNOW NOTHING OF THE DARKNESS.



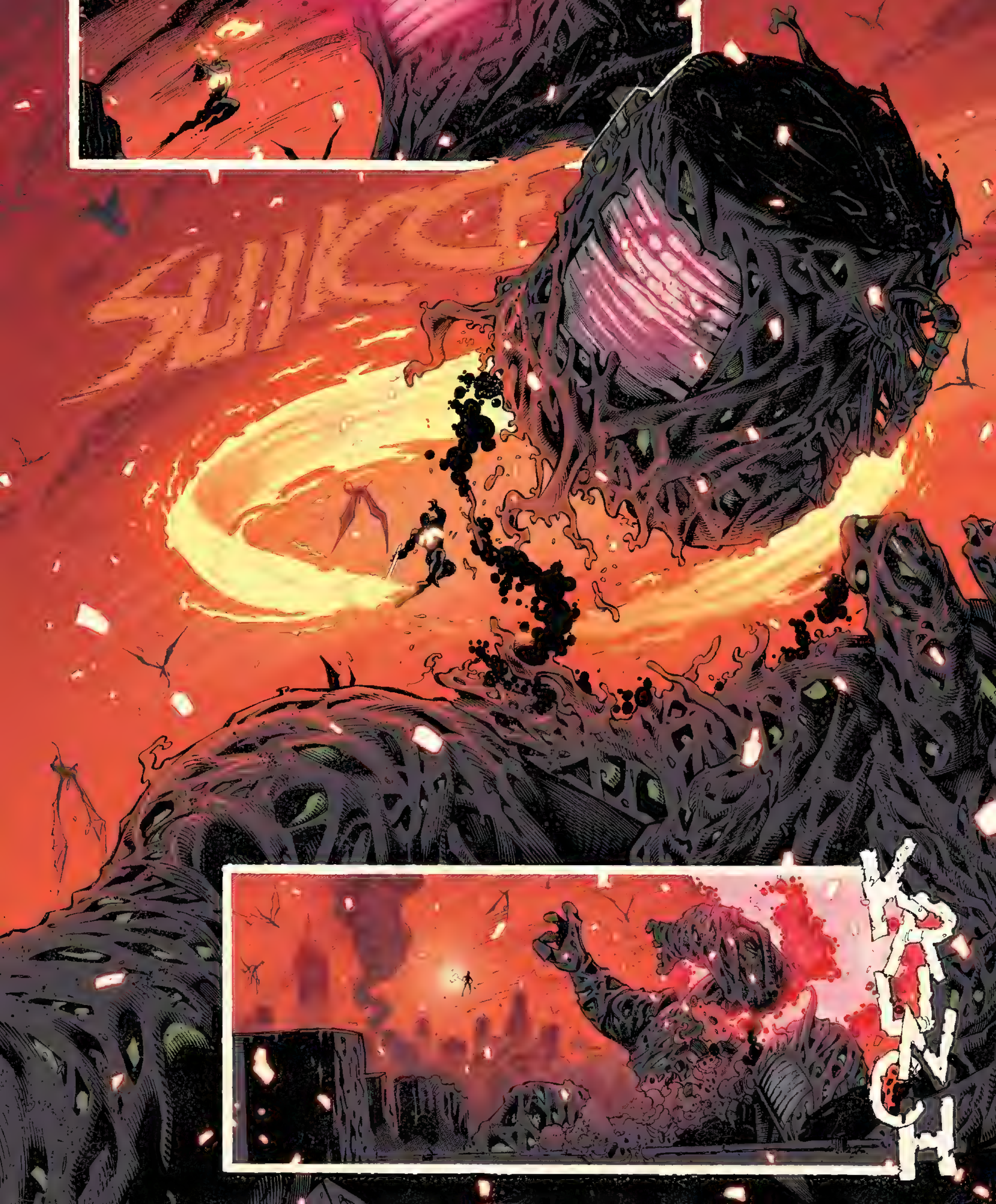
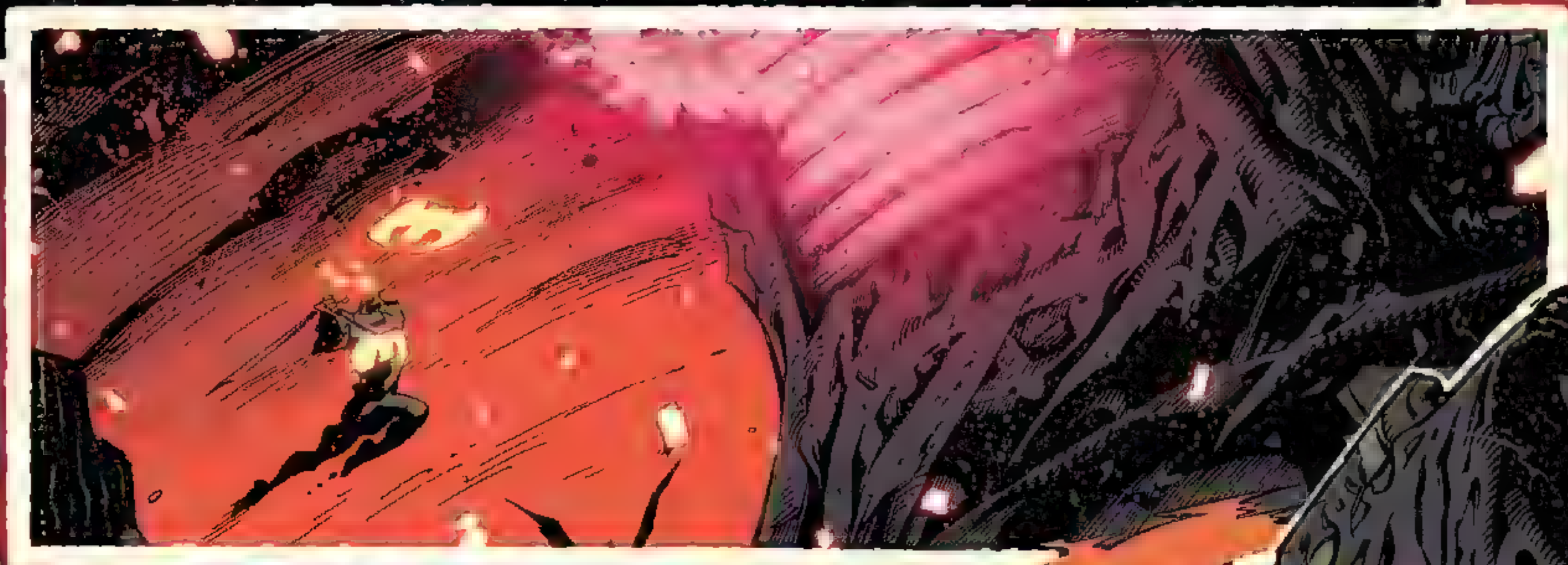
THE CELESTIAL! IT MOVES! EVERYONE, QUICKLY--



CRASH!

WHRRR

LET ME REMIND YOU.



I DON'T NEED A REMINDER.

WHOA!
SORRY, JUST...
YOU KNOW...

...FIGHTING
DRAGONS OVER
HERE.

MAN...

...I HATE
THIS SYMBIOTE
STUFF.

I REMEMBER
WHEN YOU DRAGGED
ME UP HERE FROM
THE SEWERS.

ALL THE
PAIN. THE FEAR.
THE AGONY AS YOU
RIPPED MY OTHER
FROM ME.

YOU--YOU
CAN'T--



I
REMEMBER
ALL OF IT.

FLY



HAK

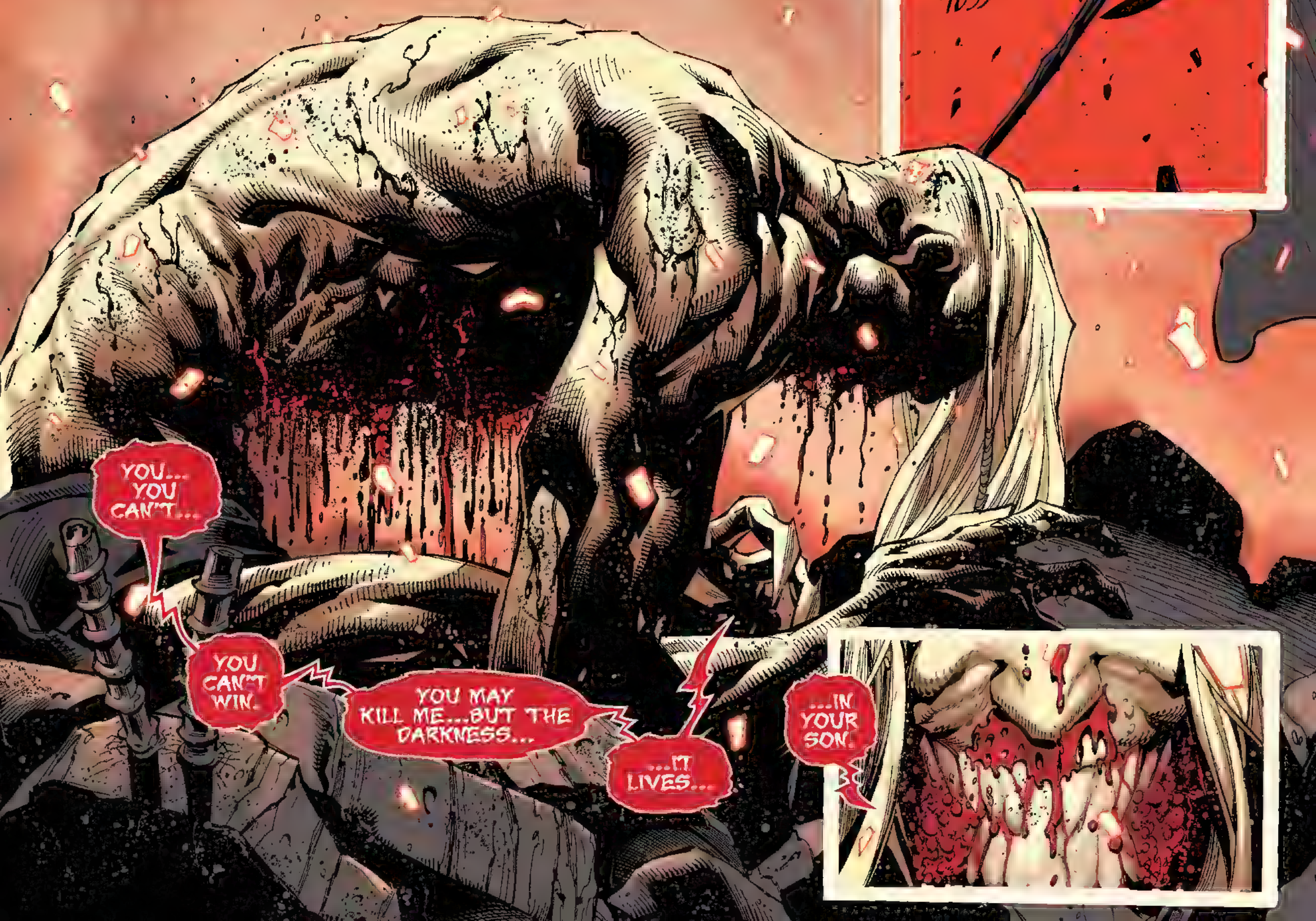
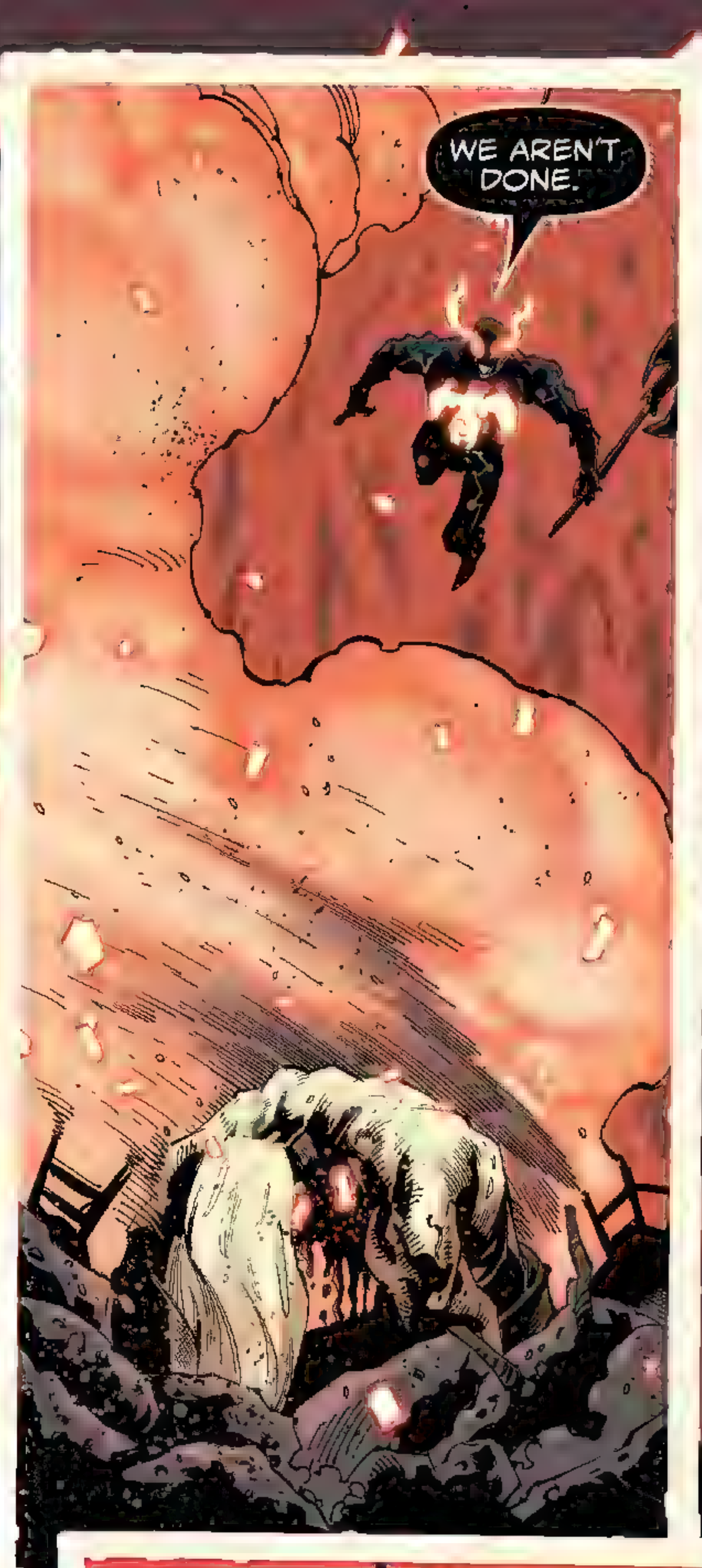
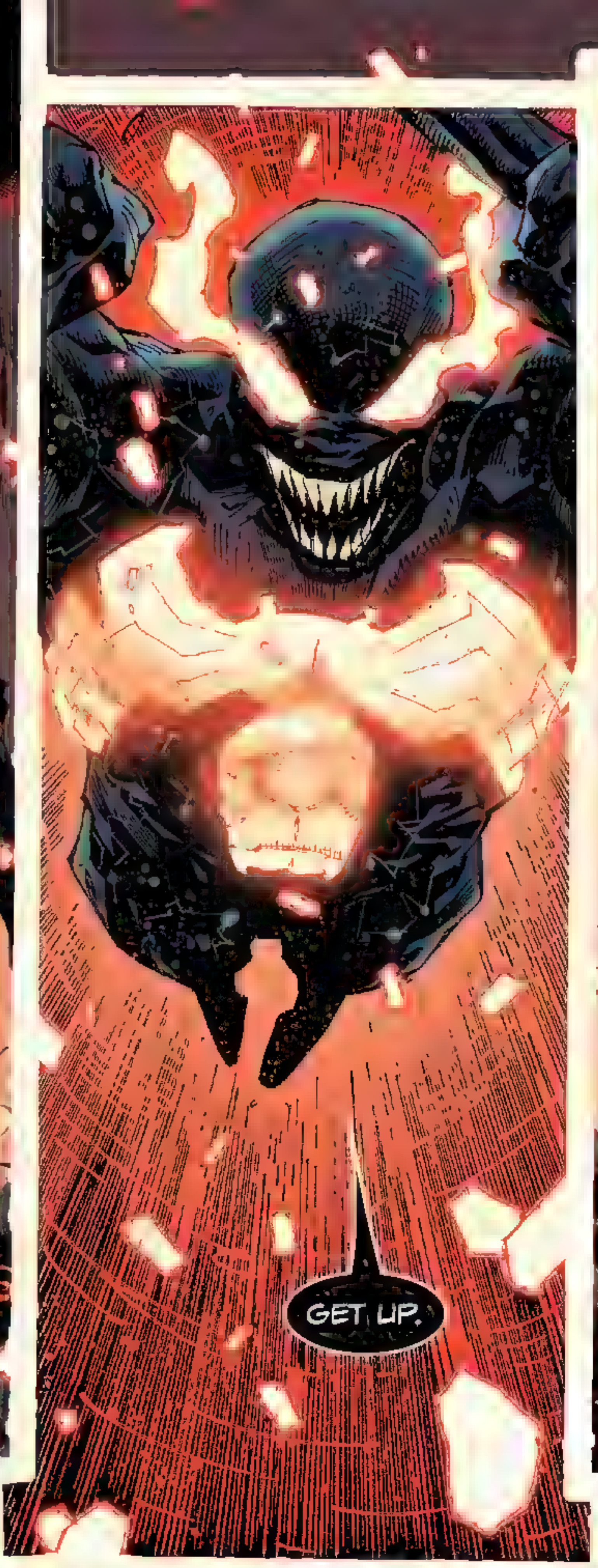
AGH!



BUT DO
YOU KNOW WHAT
I REMEMBER THE
MOST?

I REMEMBER
FEELING
HOPELESS.
HELPLESS.

I
REMEMBER
FALLING.



YOU...
YOU
CAN'T...

YOU
CAN'T
WIN.

YOU MAY
KILL ME...BUT THE
DARKNESS...

...IT
LIVES...

...IN
YOUR
SON.





YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT MY SON?!

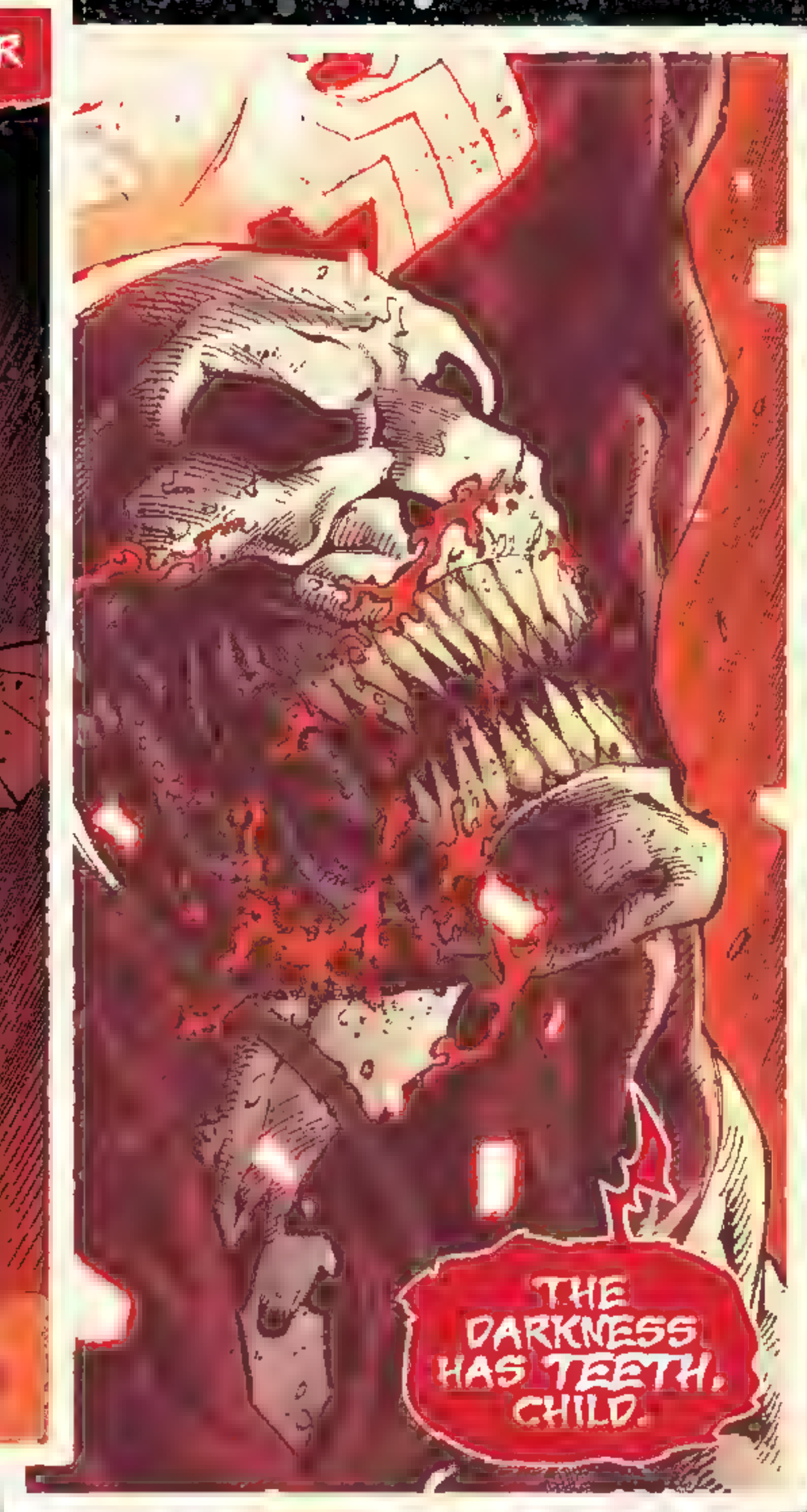
SNATCH

LET'S GO TALK.



YOU...YOU WILL NEVER BE FREE OF ME...

THE VOID...IT IS ETERNAL...



THE DARKNESS HAS TEETH, CHILD.



YEAH?



SO DO WE.



YOU MIGHT
BE RIGHT, YOU SON
OF A %\$#@&.



THERE
WILL ALWAYS BE
DARKNESS...

AGH!

WE MIGHT ALL
BE SWALLOWED
BY IT.

WE
MAY ALL
LOSE.

WE MAY
ALL BE CONSUMED
BY THE VOID...

...DOOMED
TO DROWN IN
YOUR KINGDOM
OF BLACK.

BUT...
I DON'T
CARE.

AGHHH!

THIS...

THIS
IS FOR
DYLAN.

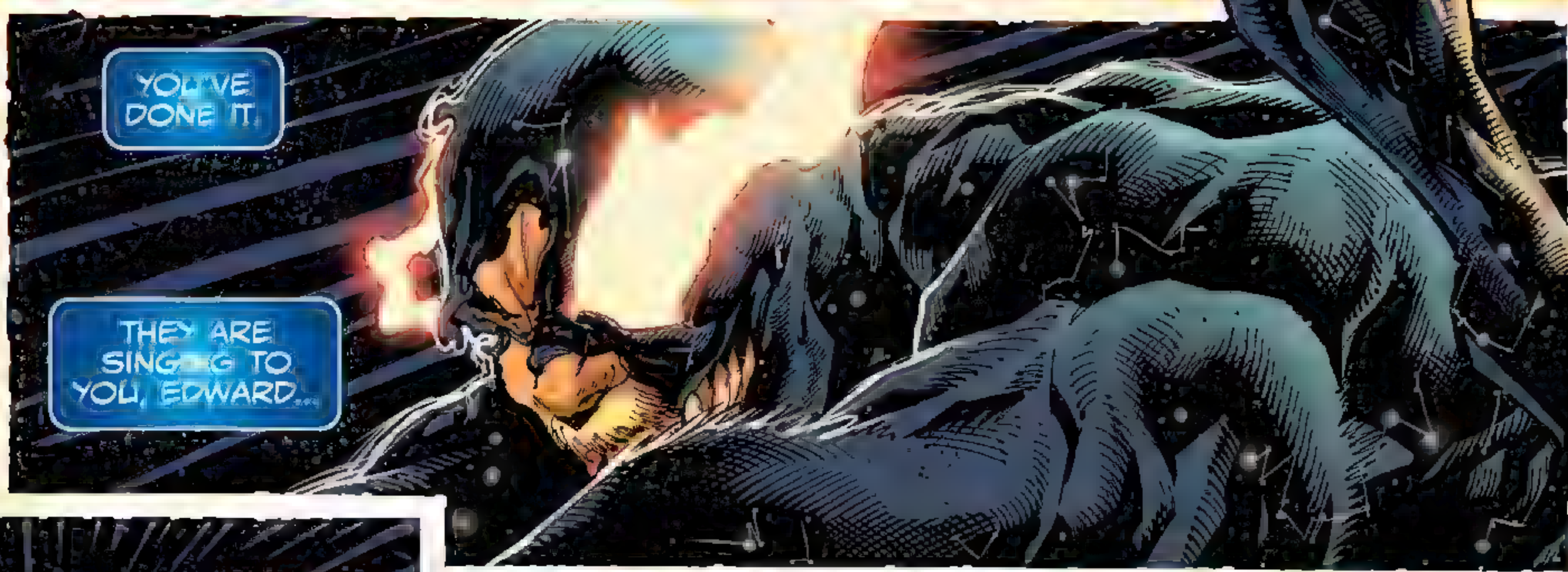




EDWARD
DO YOU
FEEL IT?

I... YES.
IT'S...
VOICES...

...CALLING TO ME,
BUT...BUT I CAN'T... I
DON'T UNDERSTAND...



YOU'VE
DONE IT.

THEY ARE
SINGING TO
YOU, EDWARD.



KNELL



HE IS
GONE



HIS
HIVE

THEY
ARE

THEY ARE
FREE.

VICTORY! FINALLY,
OUR NATION SHALL
BE RECOGNIZED FOR THE
NOBLE STATE THAT IT IS!
HAIL CHERNOBYL!
HAIL DRACULA!

DID YOU
REALLY THINK
WE WOULD LET
YOU WALK AWAY,
DAY WALKER?!

HONESTLY?
I WAS KINDA
HOPING YOU
WOULDN'T.

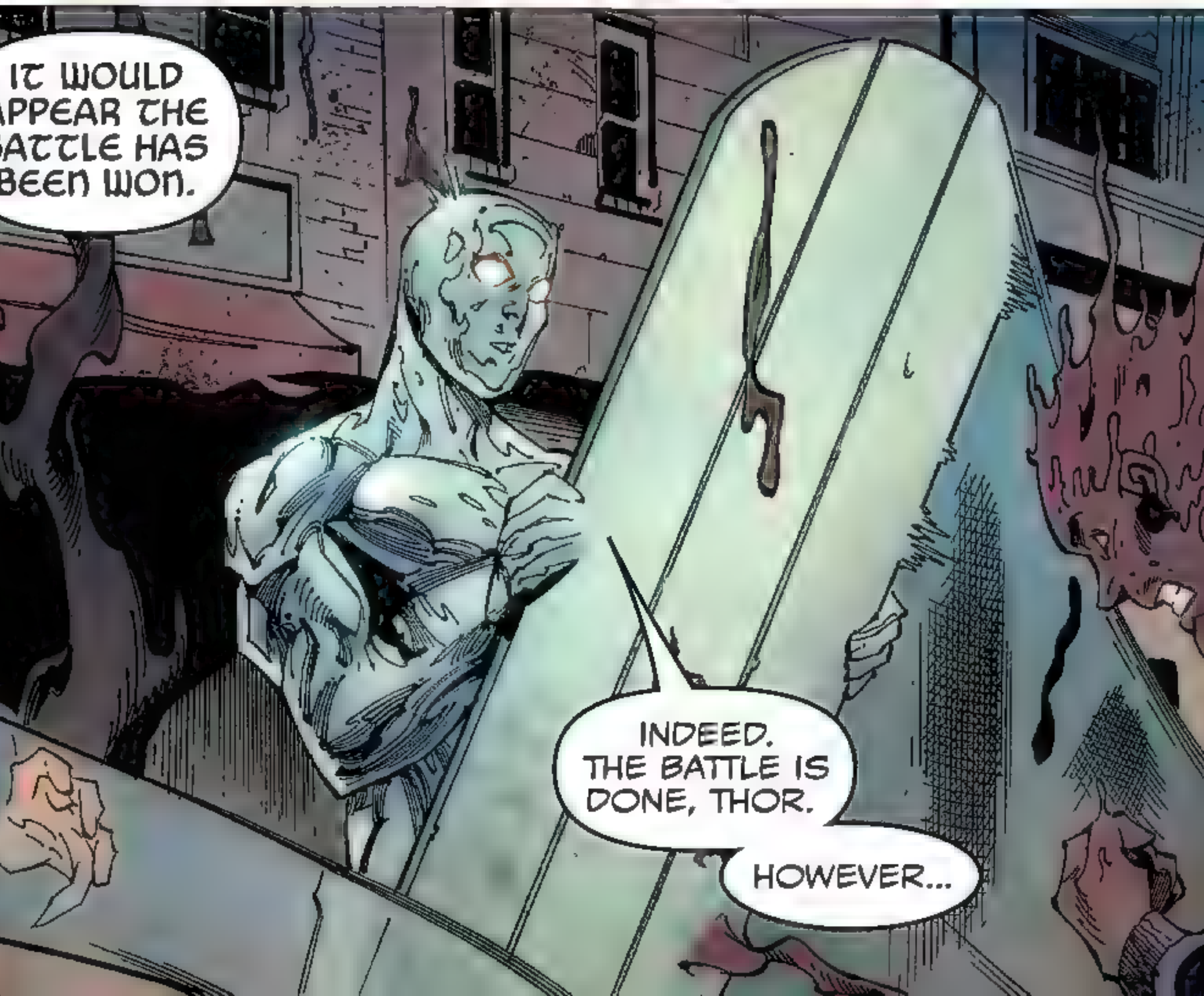
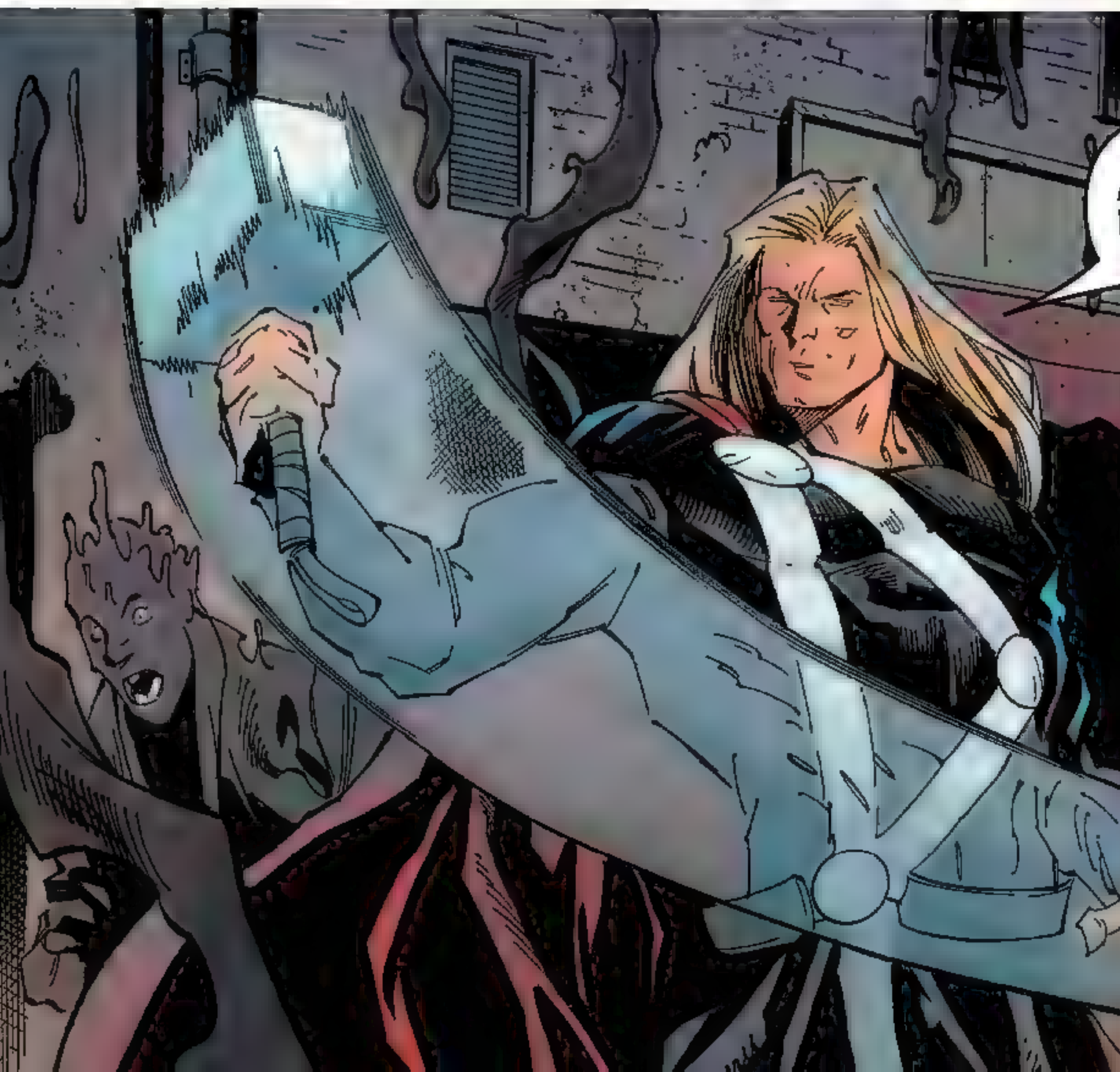
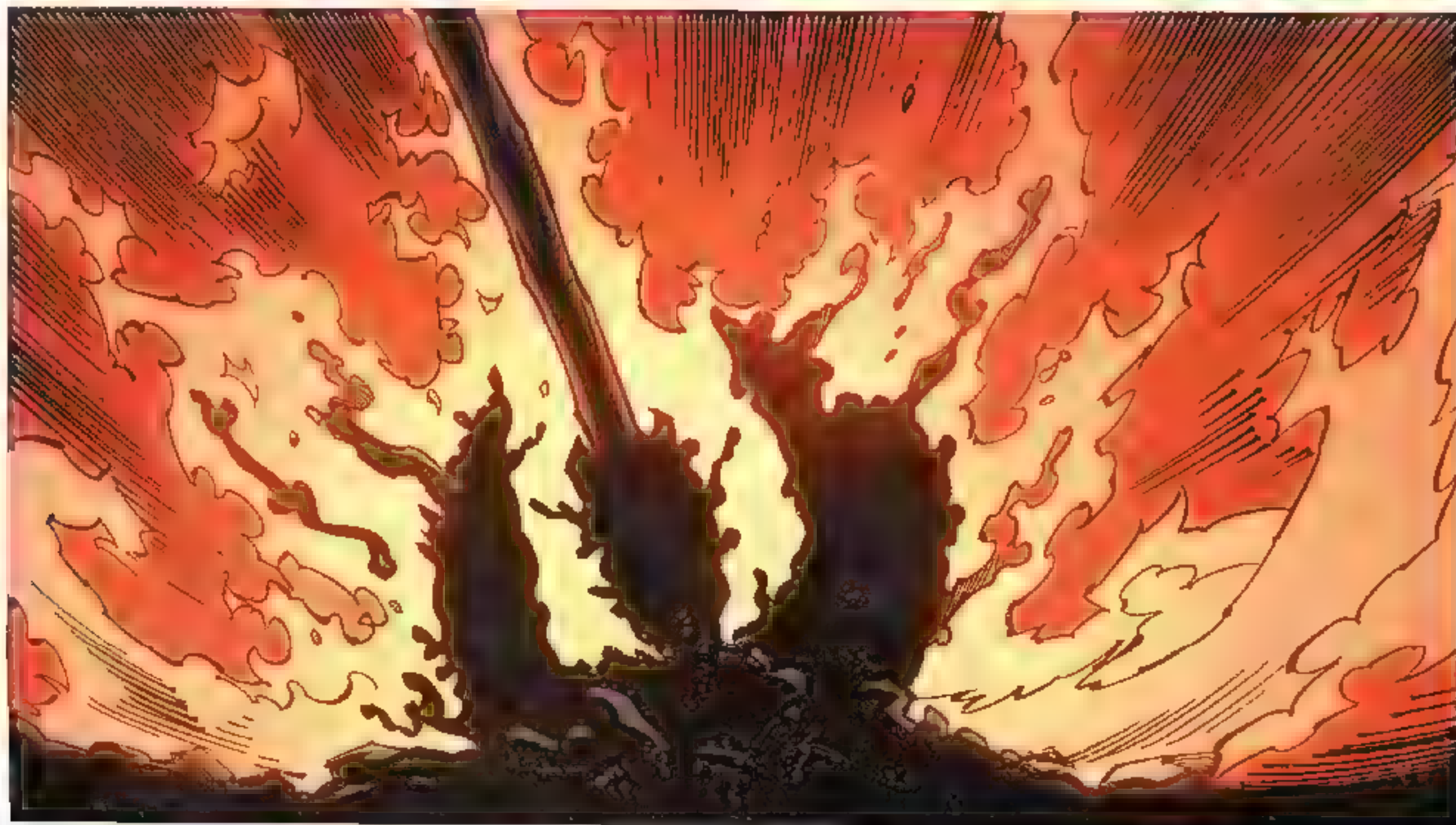
BLADE! COME
IN. DO YOU NEED
BACKUP?!

NAH. I'M
GOOD.

HEH...GOOD,
EH? TELL ME...
WHAT DO YOU
KNOW THAT WE
DO NOT?

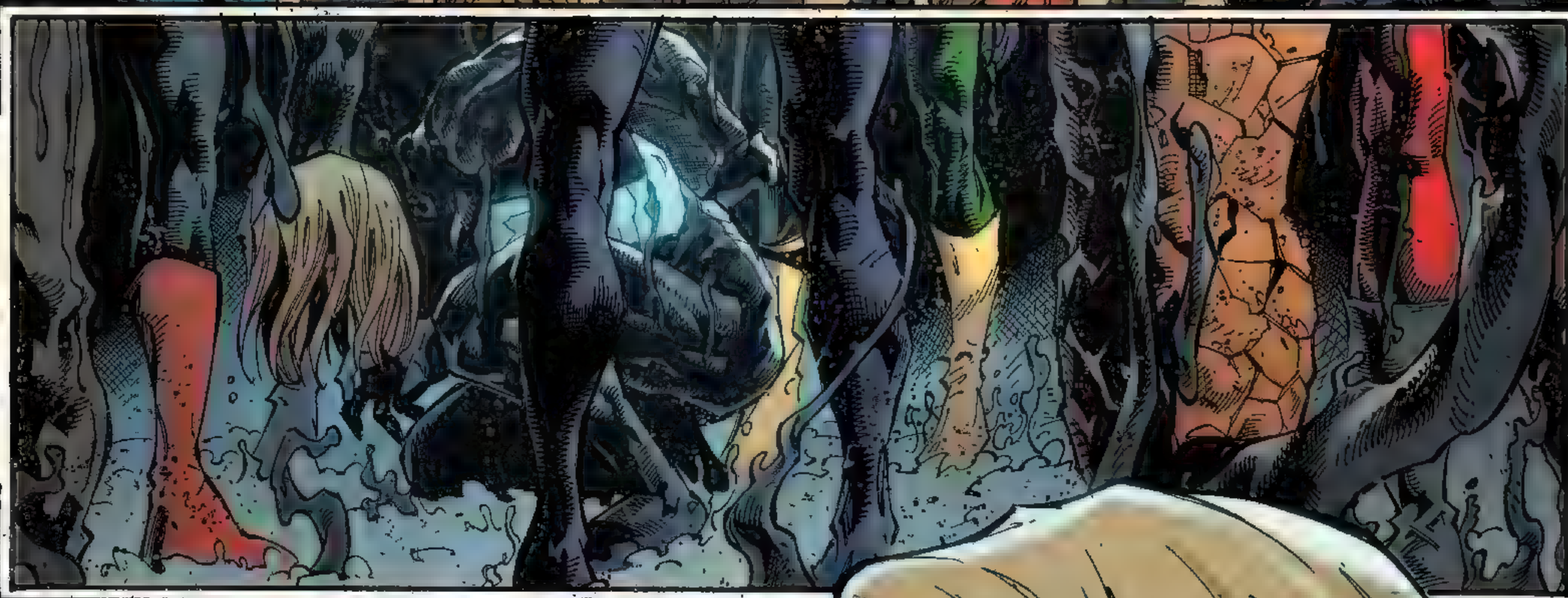
WHAT
DO I
KNOW?





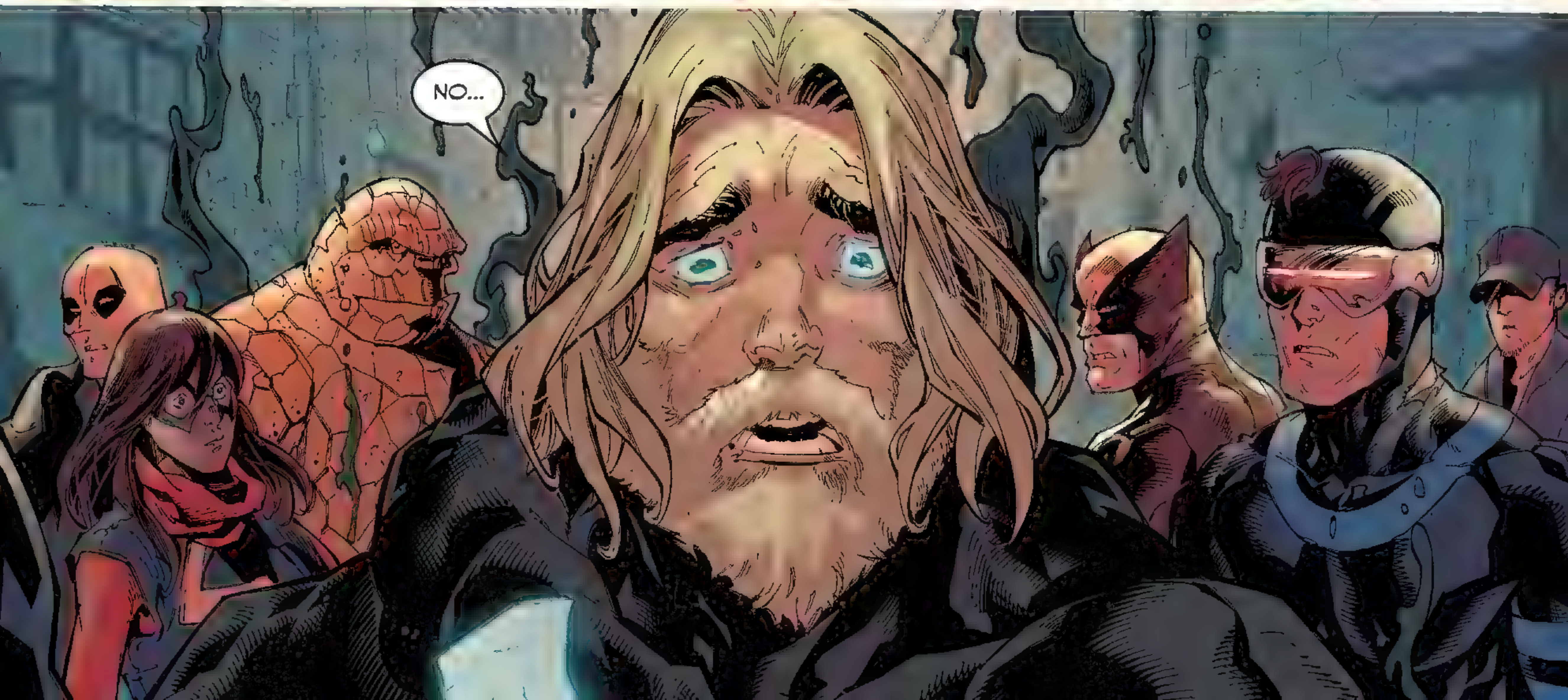


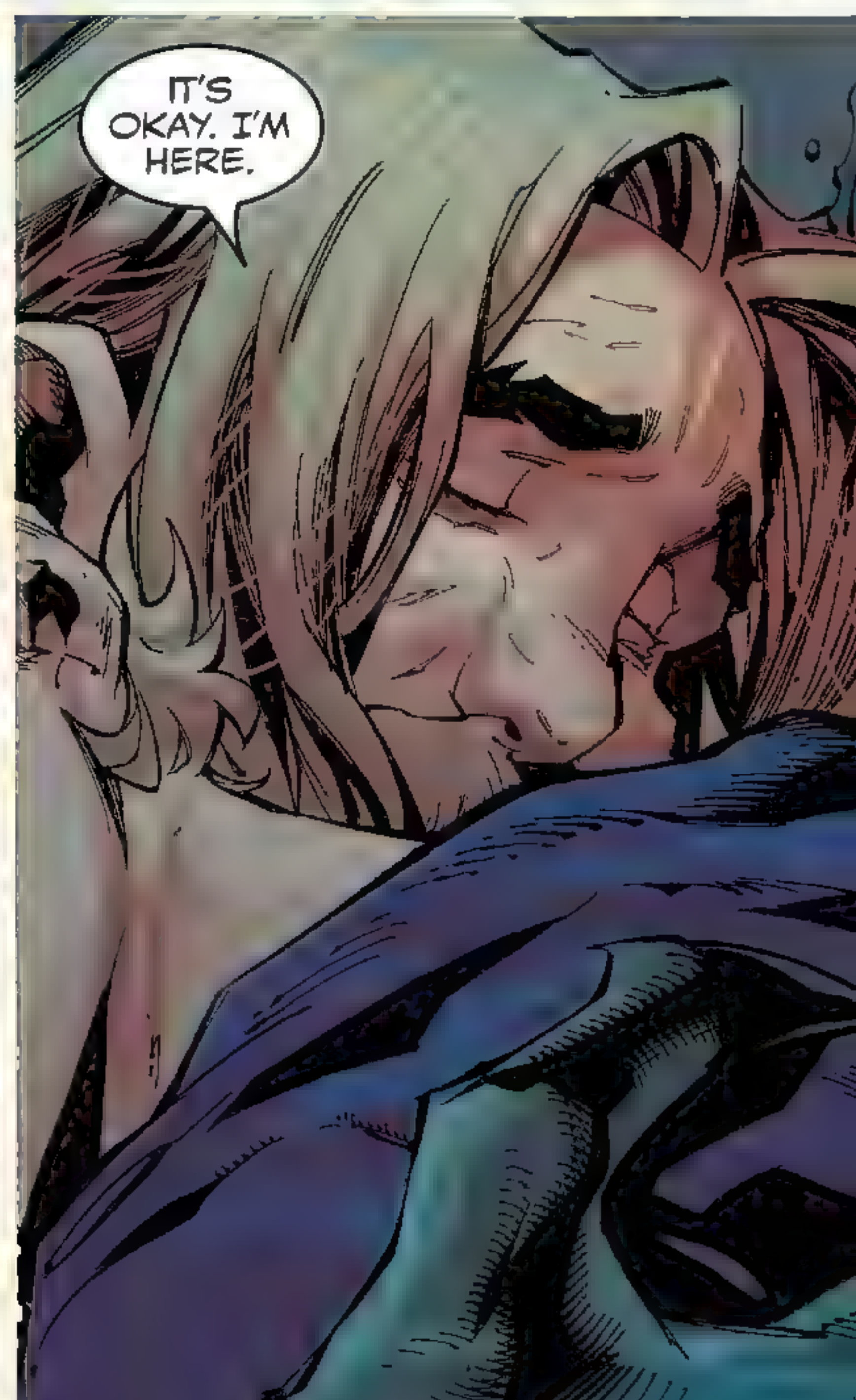
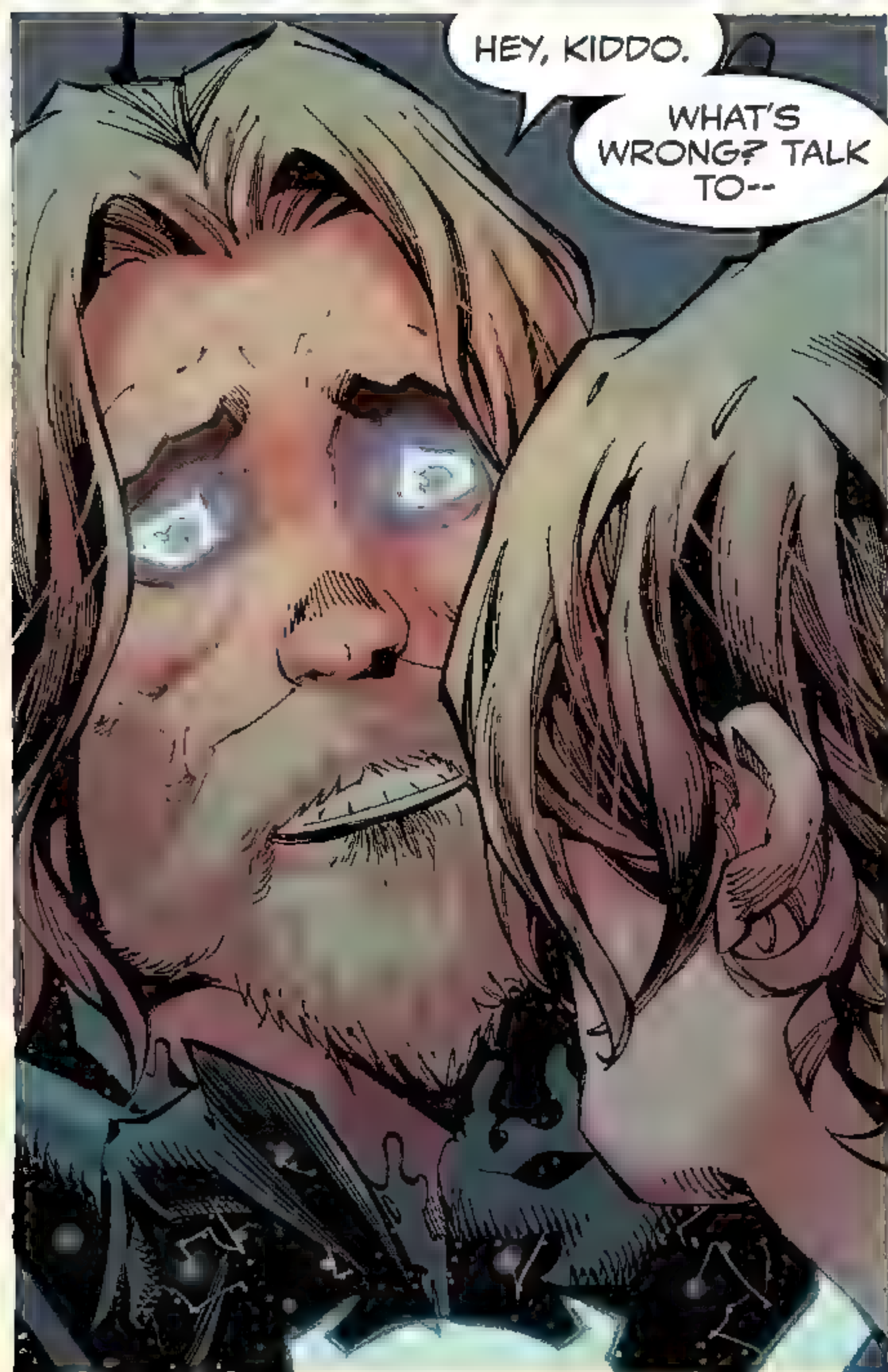
"...I DO NOT
THINK THINGS
WILL EVER BE
THE SAME."



EDDIE...

IS...
IS THAT REALLY
YOU?







NOW...YOU
HAVE TO LISTEN
TO ME, OKAY? I
LOVE YOU.

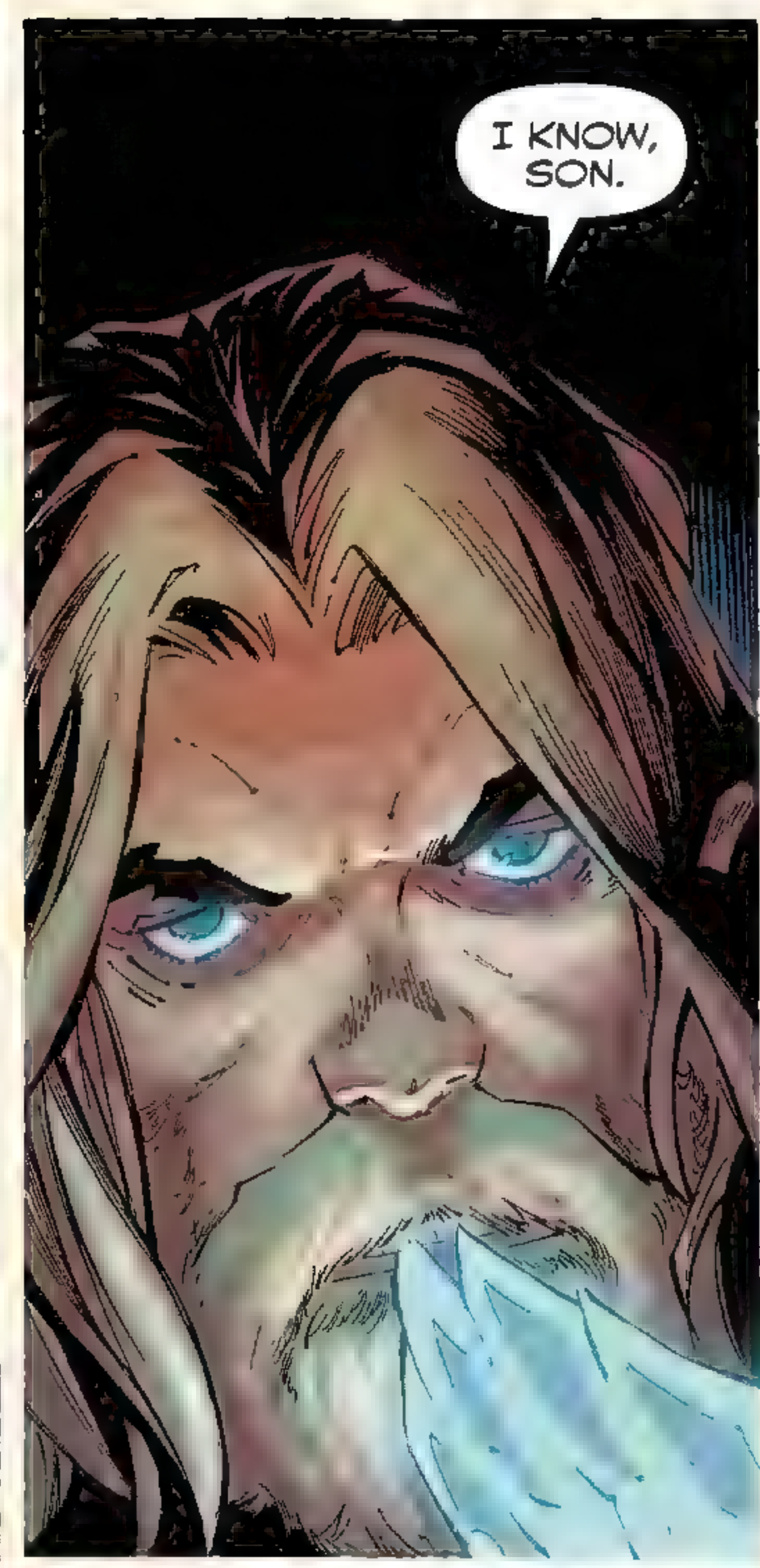
YOU'RE
GOING TO BE
OKAY.

IT--IT
HURTS...INSIDE
ME... IT...



I'M STILL...
I HAVE A PIECE
OF HIM...AND--
AND I...

I CAN
FEEL HIM...
BURNING...



I KNOW,
SON.



TRY TO
BREATHE.



THIS IS
GOING TO
HURT.



AAGHHH!

I KNOW.
I KNOW,
SON.



I
KNOW IT
HURTS.

I
FEEL IT
TOO.



BUT I
MADE YOU A
PROMISE.



YOU WILL
NOT INHERIT THIS
DARKNESS.



WAIT...
WHAT--WHAT'S
HAPPENING?

YOU HAVE
DONE WELL,
EDWARD

BUT I MUST LEAVE
YOU. YOU DO NOT
NEED THE LIGHT
TO PROTECT YOU.

NOT
ANYMORE.

BUT...I DON'T
UNDERSTAND! HOW
WILL I--

YOU HAVE A
NEW ROLE NOW,
EDWARD

YOU HAVE
BECOME
SOMETHING
ELSE.

SOMETHING
NEW.

EDDIE,
CAN YOU
HEAR ME?

I FOUND
YOU.

CAN YOU FEEL
IT, EDDIE?

CAN YOU FEEL
WHAT HAS
HAPPENED?!

DAD! DAD,
ARE YOU OKAY?!
WHAT'S--

YES. I CAN
HEAR YOU!

EDDIE...
WHAT IS
THIS?!

IT'S
OKAY.



I CAN...I CAN
HEAR THEM...

WE'RE
OKAY.



STAY HERE.
I'LL...WE'LL BE
RIGHT BACK,
SON.

...I CAN HEAR
THEM ALL.

THE HIVE...
BUT I CAN'T...
I CAN'T
UNDERSTAND
THEM.



I DON'T
UNDERSTAND.
WHAT...WHAT IS
GOING ON? WHY ARE
THE SYMBIOTES
CHASING HIM
LIKE THAT?

I...I DON'T
THINK THEY ARE...

THEY ARE
SPEAKING TO YOU
IN OUR ANCIENT
TONGUE, EDDIE.

BECAUSE
YOU...YOU
DEFEATED
THE VOID.

YOU FREED
OUR KIND.

YOU ARE THE
HIVE MIND
NOW...EDDIE...

...YOU...ARE THE
GOD OF THE
SYMBIOTES...



YOU ARE
THE KING
IN BLACK.



#1 VARIANT BY **DONNY CATES**

HEIRS TO THE THRONE

While his focus on Earth is a recent development, Knull has been readying himself for a war against the light and life for eons, and the symbiotes, while arguably Knull's most dangerous and perfect creations were certainly not the first...



KNULL

The god and creator of the symbiotes, Knull is the ruler of THE ABYSS, the existential chasm between the destroyed previous universe and the prime reality that took its place. Swearing vengeance on every living thing birthed by the Celestials, Knull gave life to creations of his own...

THE NECROSWORD

Death itself made manifest, the *Necrosword*, or *All-Black*, was forged in the core of a dead Celestial. The first weapon Knull formed in his war against the light, it is capable of slaying Celestials and can be summoned from the living darkness of which the symbiotes are composed.

THE VOID KNIGHT

Born to combat the *Silver Surfer*, the *Void Knight* would perhaps rank as one of Knull's favorite creations, were the God-King of the Symbiotes capable of such sentiment. The Lord of the Abyss felt a kinship with this powerful and dangerous creation and almost felt regret when the Surfer erased it.

THE SYMBIOTES

Before Knull encountered Thor, he realized that his dragons would not be numerous enough to extinguish life in the universe and return it to its blissful state before the existence of the Celestials. So he began to experiment, manipulating *darkness* into a living form. In time, Knull realized that rather than eradicating life, he could simply *corrupt* it.

DARK CARNAGE

Trapped, Knull reached into the psychic darkness of his symbiotic creations, hoping to psychically connect with any receptive host. He did this for lifetimes until he found one in *Cletus Kasady*. Long dead, Kasady's corpse was obtained by an Earthbound cult that has worshipped Knull for generations. Bonded to the last remnants of an incinerated symbiote dragon, Kasady was resurrected as a new *Dark Carnage* and unleashed absolute chaos on an unsuspecting New York and world...

THE SYMBIOTE DRAGONS

Though their origins remain shrouded in mystery, the symbiote dragons were created to surge through space and destroy any life they encountered. Not shackled by vulnerabilities to sonics and fire (unless in the most *extreme* amounts), they even reached as far as the Milky Way galaxy and Earth's local solar system. Tormenting humankind, they served as inspiration for chapters of Earth's shared mythology and manifested Knull's wrathful will on an unsuspecting universe.

THE EXOLON

With each attempt at controlling the living Abyss, Knull grew closer to a perfected design. The place he sent the less-successful of his experiments became known as the *Exoteric Latitude*. An as-yet relatively unexplored region of space, the *Exoteric Latitude* is home to the *Exolon*, creatures that, true to their nature, found hosts in a group of unwitting Kree who happened to drift through their corner of the universe.

THE SYMBIOTE HIVE

As the symbiote species grew, Knull remained psychically connected to all of them. What was once a few dragons or symbiotes became a teeming hive mind with Knull at its center. Ultimately, that connection proved to be his undoing, as his creations rebelled and entombed him at the heart of what would come to be known as the symbiote homeworld, *Klyntar*.

OTHER EXPERIMENTS

Evidence suggests that there are other organisms in the universe that Knull created, adrift among the stars. Whatever their origins, one thing is certain — Knull has *some* psychic sway over them.

PRE-CREATION

Knull forges the Necrosword and begins the experiments that would eventually become the symbiote species and its offshoots. (VENOM #1-6, SILVER SURFER: BLACK)

~1000 BCE

Knull, encased in symbiote armor, battles a mysterious golden god on the homeworld of Gorr the God Butcher. (THOR: GOD OF THUNDER #6)

~700 CE--1970

Encased in ice at the bottom of the ocean, the Grendel lies dormant, lost to time.

~ONE YEAR AGO

After the dissolution of S.H.I.E.L.D., the frozen Grendel symbiote breaks out of containment and unleashes its fury on an unsuspecting New York City. Aided by the younger Spider-Man, Eddie Brock incinerates the monster, but the *Maker* acquires a small sample of its remains. (VENOM #1-6)

~THREE MONTHS AGO

Dark Carnage launches an all-out assault on the remaining living symbiote hosts, including Venom. With no choice, the Venom symbiote absorbs the Grendel from Cletus Kasady and is once again subsumed into Knull's hive. With enough of the Codex restored to free himself, Knull disperses the symbiotes that form the planet Klyntar around him and re-forms them into a horde of hundreds of thousands of dragons — and begins a death march across the universe... (ABSOLUTE CARNAGE)

~TWO WEEKS AGO

Eddie Brock warns the Avengers that the Codex is complete and Knull has begun a campaign across the galaxy. Before they can properly mount a counteroffensive and extract all possible intel from Brock, he is swept into the timestream after being ambushed by Mac Gargan. (FREE COMIC BOOK DAY: SPIDER-MAN/VENOM 2020)



1



3



5



7



9



10



VENOM

Years ago, disgraced reporter Eddie Brock stumbled upon an alien organism during one of the lowest points of his life. Severed from its own collected consciousness, the symbiote found a willing partner in Brock, and the two became *Venom*, a vigilante in their own right, who eliminated the criminal element with extreme prejudice.



2



4



6



8



10

~100,000 YEARS AGO

Knull dispatches the dragon symbiotes into the universe to eradicate all life. (VENOM #4)

~600 CE

The dragon symbiotes arrive on Earth and attack humankind in Scandinavia. Mistaking the creature for an Earthbound beast, humankind names it *Grendel*.

Thor comes to their aid and dispatches the dragon with a bolt of lightning. His attack causes a feedback loop within Knull's symbiote hive that incapacitates the god-king. The symbiotes rebel and entomb their creator. (VENOM #1-6)

~1971

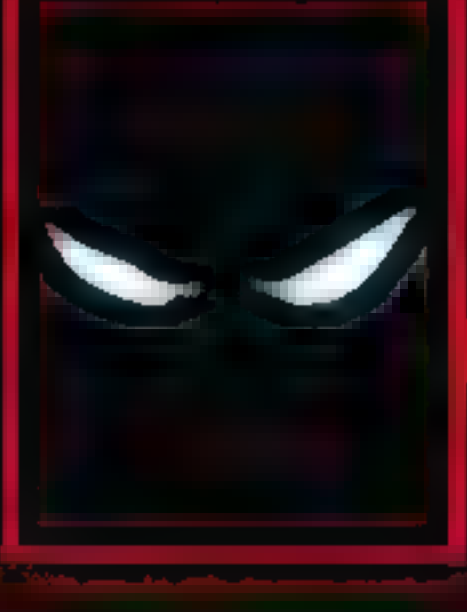
Led by Nick Fury, S.H.I.E.L.D. locates and excavates the Grendel, sampling its genetic material and exposing United States service members to it in small doses. (WEB OF VENOM: VE'NAM)

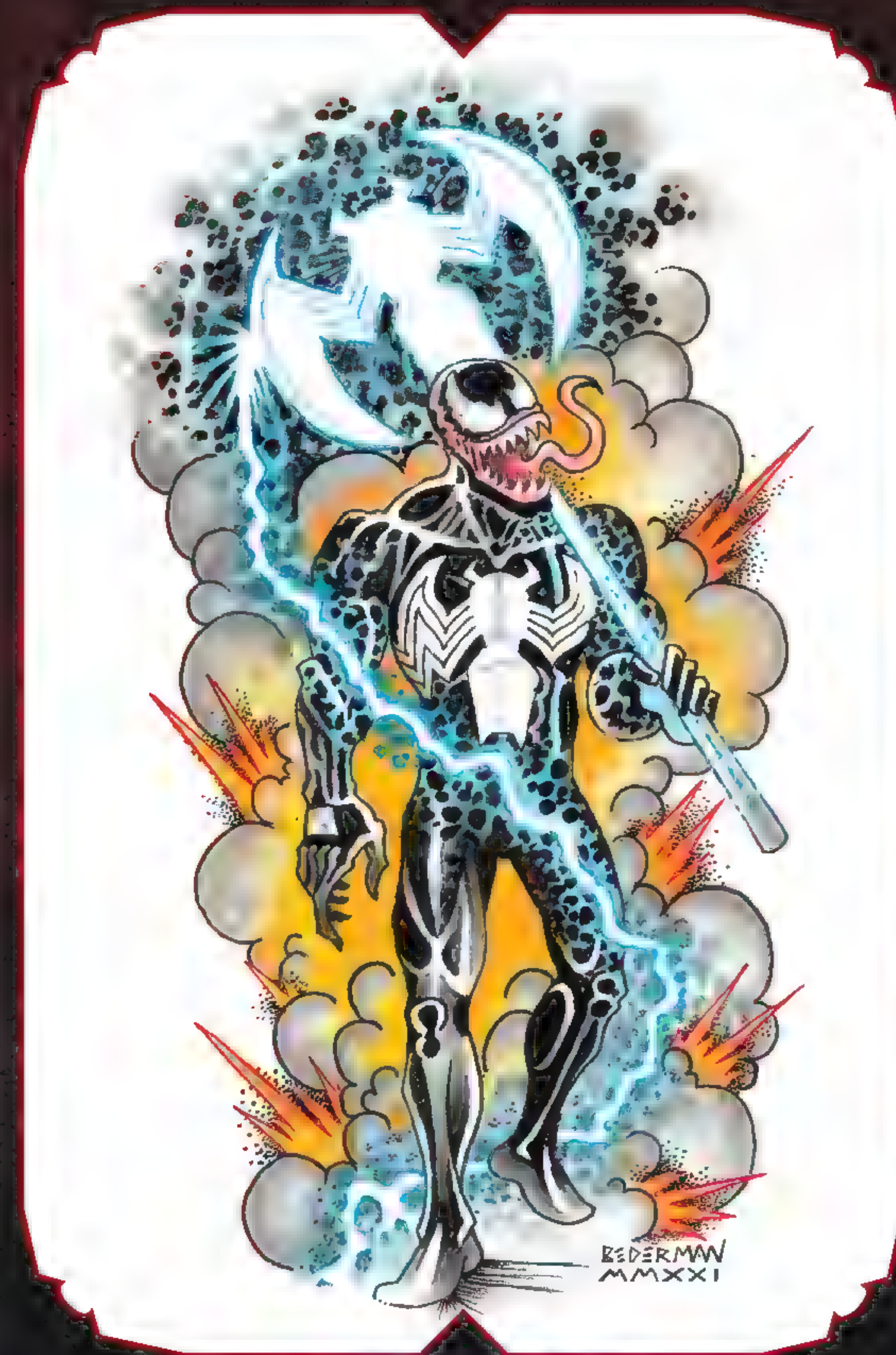
~TEN MONTHS AGO

The Maker's sample of the Grendel is stolen from his laboratory by a cult that has worshipped Knull for generations. Also in possession of the corpse of Cletus Kasady, the cult bonds the Grendel's remains to Cletus', and the result is the creation of a new *Dark Carnage*. (WEB OF VENOM: CARNAGE BORN)

~ONE MONTH AGO

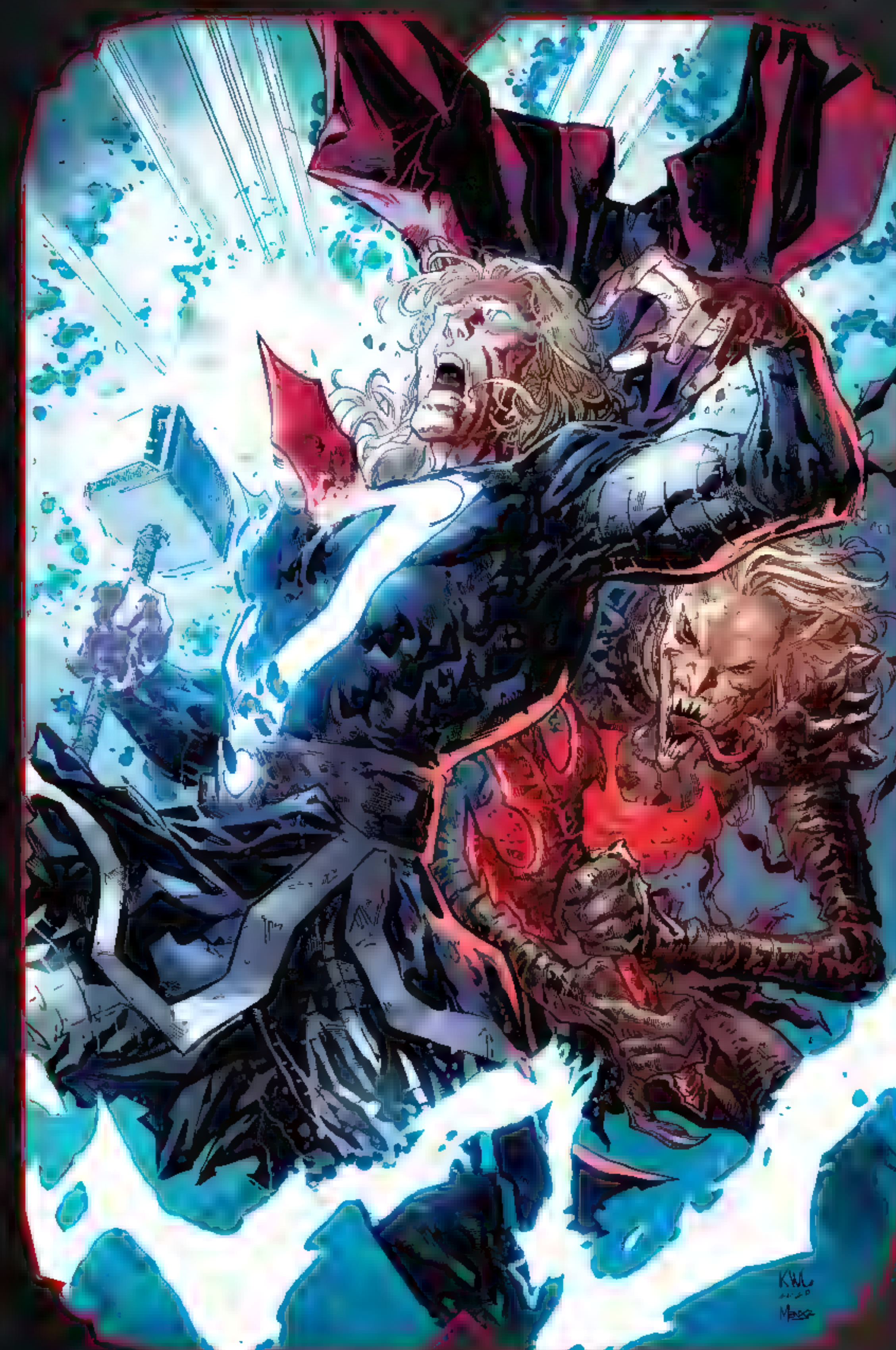
The interstellar warrior and Guardian of the Galaxy called *Wraith*, convinced that Knull is responsible for the parasitic Exolon that gave him his abilities, arrives at the planet Klyntar. Knull, now freed, acknowledges that the Exolon are one of his experiments and strips Wraith of them. Dying without the Exolon, Wraith teleports to Earth to warn Eddie Brock that Knull is free. (WEB OF VENOM: WRAITH)





#5 TATTOO VARIANT BY
IAN BEDERMAN

#1 SPOILER VARIANT BY
TAURIN CLARKE



#1-4 TATTOO VARIANTS BY IAN BEDERMAN

#2 SPOILER VARIANT BY
DECLAN SHALVEY

#3 SPOILER VARIANT BY
KEN LASHLEY & NOLAN WOODARD



#4 SPOILER VARIANT BY
PAOLO RIVERA



#5 SPOILER VARIANT BY
RYAN STEGMAN JP MAYER & JASON KEITH



#3 DRAGON VARIANT BY
DECLAN SHALVEY



#4 DRAGON VARIANT BY
RAHZZAH



#1 DRAGON VARIANT BY
IDAN COELLO & JESUS ABURTOV



#2 DRAGON VARIANT BY
JOSHUA CASSARA & DEAN WHITE



#5 DRAGON VARIANT BY
GERARDO SANDOVAL & ERICK ARCINIEGA



#1 LAUNCH VARIANT BY
PHILIP TAN & SEDASTIAN CHENG



#1-5 CONNECTING VARIANTS BY
LEINIL FRANCIS YU & SUNNY GHO



#1 WRAPAROUND VARIANT BY
TODD NAUCK & RACHELLE ROSENBERG



#1 HIDDEN GEM VARIANT BY
ALEX HORLEY



#1 STORMBREAKERS VARIANT BY
NATACHA DUSTOS



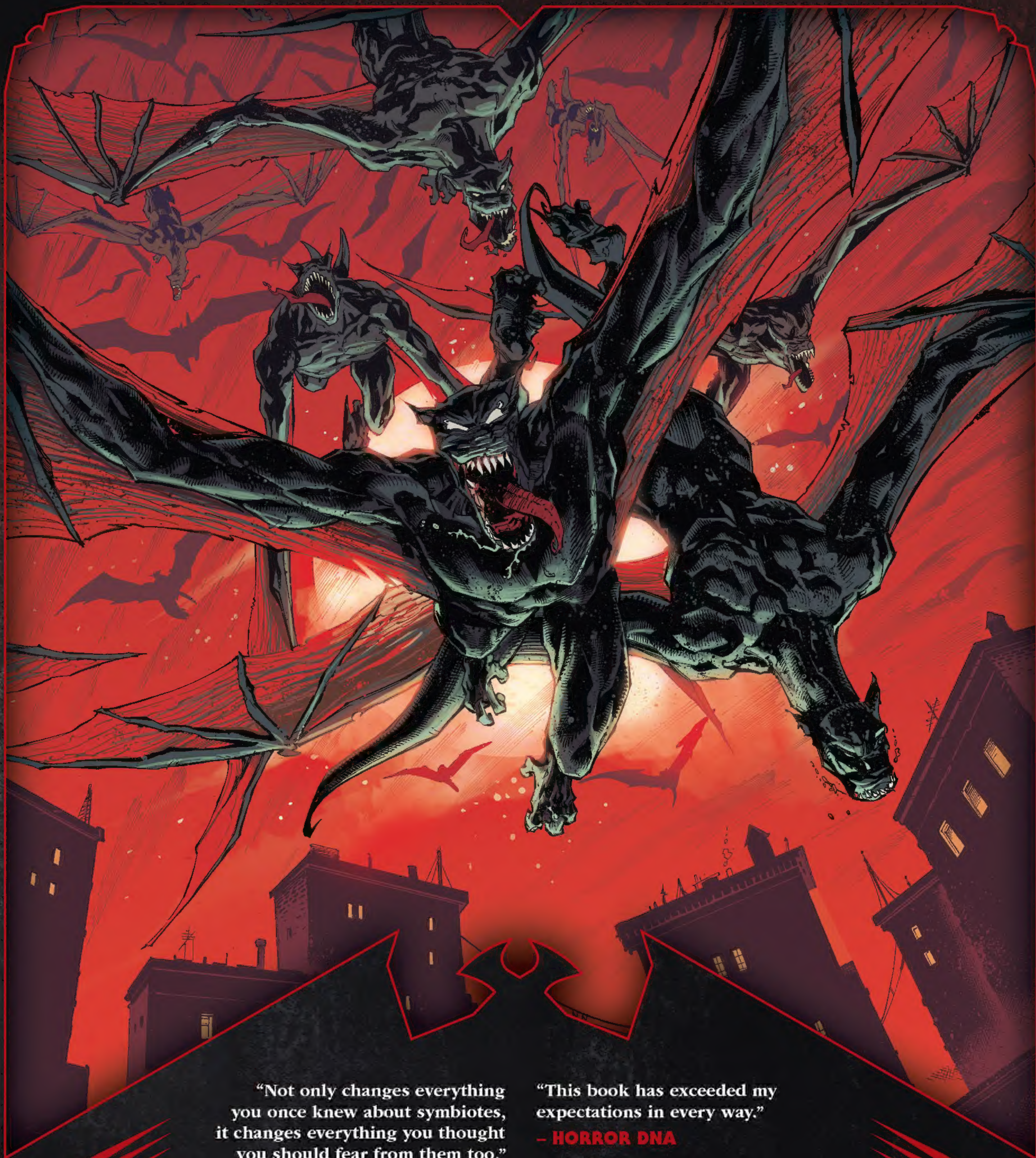
#2 SECOND-PRINTING VARIANT BY
GERARDO SANDOVAL & JASON KEITH



#5 VARIANT BY
SKOTTIE YOUNG & JEAN-FRANÇOIS DEAULIEU



#5 WRAPAROUND VARIANT BY
DRETT BOOTH, ADELSON CORONA & NOLAN WOODARD



"Not only changes everything you once knew about symbiotes, it changes everything you thought you should fear from them too."

— **BEYOND THE PANEL**

"This book has exceeded my expectations in every way."

— **HORROR DNA**

DARKNESS REIGNS!

After a campaign of terror across the galaxy, **Knul** reaches Earth — and he hasn't come alone! With an army of hundreds of thousands of symbiote dragons at his command, the **King in Black** is a force unlike any Earth's heroes have ever faced. Eddie Brock, A.K.A. **Venom**, has seen firsthand the chaos that even one of Knul's monsters can wreak. Can anyone possibly survive this onslaught? Outgunned and outmanned, Earth's heroes are reeling. It will take everything they've got to face the God of the Abyss as he ensnares the planet in everlasting darkness! **Donny Cates** and **Ryan Stegman** present the definitive chapter in their three-year-long **VENOM** saga that changed everything you thought you knew about symbiotes — and they're raising the stakes for the entire Marvel Universe! Hail to the king!

COLLECTING **KING IN BLACK** #1-5 — BY **DONNY CATES**,
RYAN STEGMAN, **JP MAYER** AND **FRANK MARTIN**.

MARVEL